

CROWDS THROG TO HEAR CALEB RIDLEY

Construction Is Rushed On North Carolina Road Into Smokies

RUGGED SECTION IS BEING OPENED

New Highway Will Connect With Gatlenburg Road From Tenn.

JOINS NO. 10 AT ELA

Grading of Tourist Artery To Be Completed By End of 1930

ASHEVILLE, July 23.—The Great Smoky Mountains, which through their ruggedness of contours have defied penetration by all save hardy explorers, hunters and lumbermen, are being penetrated by a highway construction crew engaged in carving out what will eventually be a main artery of tourist travel into the great national playground.

The new highway which will climb the main ridge of the Smoky Mountains

being completed from Gatlenburg, Tenn., to Newfound Gap, will be the first road to cross the main central ridge of the Great Smoky Mountains. Connecting with the famous all-paved North Carolina Highway No. 10 "The Main Street of North Carolina," at Ela, the highway passes through the heart of the Qualla Indian reservation, where 3,000 Cherokee Indians have their homes, ascends precipitous creek valleys and ravines and attains the summit of the main ridge in the gap which lies under the towering heights of Mount Mingus and Mount Collins.

Scenic Beauty

The new road traverses a section of unsurpassed scenic beauty presenting to the motorist vistas of seemingly endless forests, deep valleys, high waterfalls, and the allurements of the virgin spruce and hemlock forest of the high ranges. At its Ela terminal the highway connects with the splendid highway system of the state of North Carolina which in this section touches the borders of the Park with paved roads at five different points.

Grading of the new tourist artery will be completed by the end of 1930 and it is expected to be a most popular tourist route into the Great Smoky Mountains National park. The greater part of the tourist travel from the centers of population in the northern and eastern sections of the country will enter the park by way of Asheville and the new highway which is a first link in a comprehensive road system planned for the North Carolina side of the park area.

Rev. J. L. Kennedy To Preach Sunday

Rev. James L. Kennedy, missionary of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, to Brazil, who is at home on furlough, will preach at the Franklin Methodist church at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. next Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. R. F. Mock.

"As a Man Thinketh" was the theme of a sermon by G. L. Morelock, secretary of the Board of Lay Activities of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, at the Methodist church last Sunday morning.

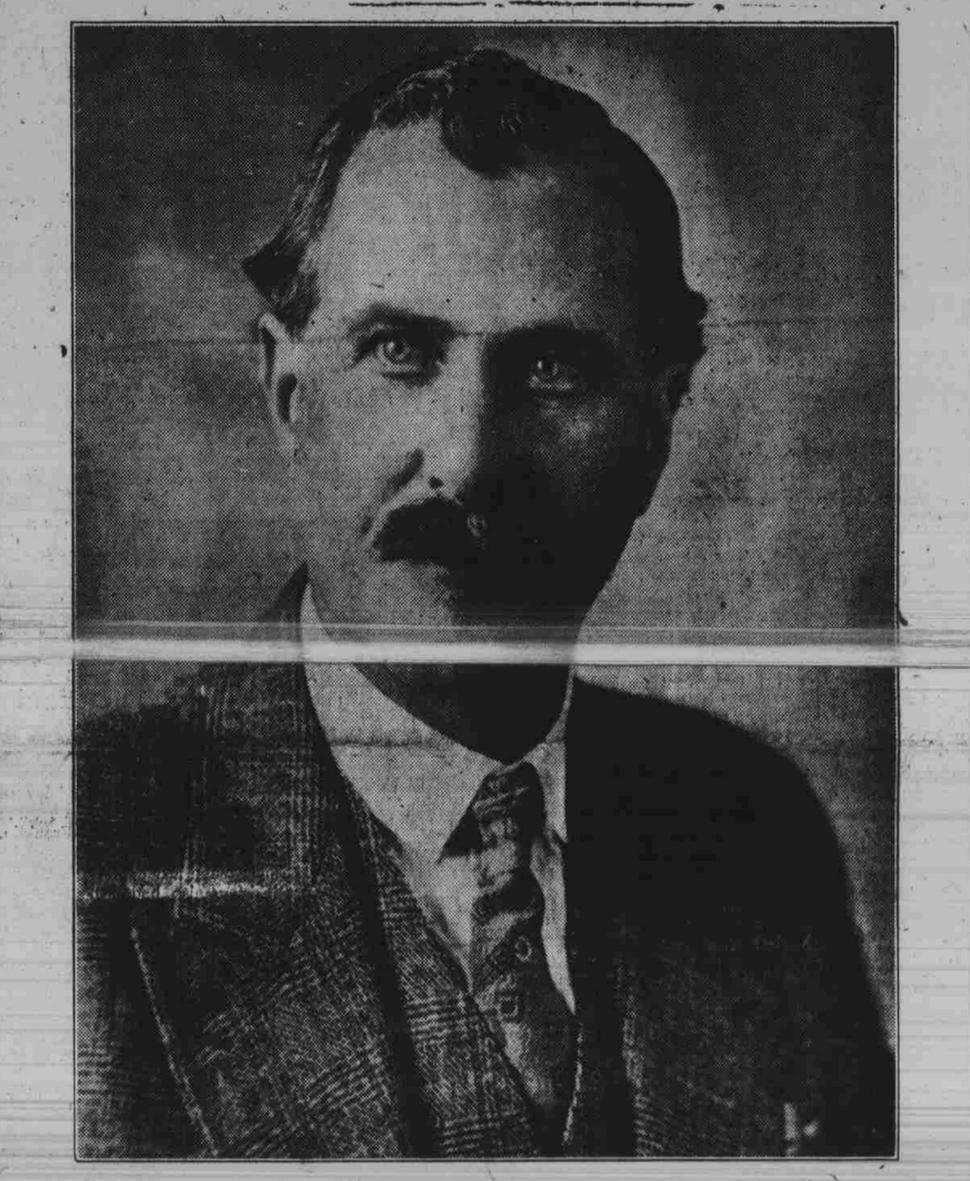
It is the type of thinking of a generation that determines the trend of its literature, asserted the Methodist leader. Wars, he averred, are the results of the dwelling of the minds of men on the so-called glories and achievements of victory by combat.

Rev. Morelock reported that Rev. Mock, who is confined to a Black Mountain sanitarium because of a nervous disorder, is recovering.

SILER REUNION

The annual reunion of the Siler family will be held at Camp Nikwasi, Thursday, Aug. 7.

Dr. Caleb Ridley Who Is Conducting Revival Here



REVIVAL STARTS IN COURT HOUSE

Evangelist Is Native of This County; Was Reared In Watauga Section

SERMON LIST NAMED

"Heaven On Installment Plan" Is Minister's Subject For Thurs.

Crowds that fill the Macon county court house to overflowing each night come from the communities and from the far-off creeks and coves of Macon to hear Caleb Ridley, evangelist, and native of this county, who accepted an invitation to come home and conduct a revival because "he was afraid not to come."

"If you break with Christ, you may never, as I did, have to stand before hundreds and thousands to tell them what an ass you have made of yourself, but you will have to stand before the judgement bar of your own conscience," averred Dr. Ridley in his opening sermon, "Losing Jesus."

church on "Consecration to God." He opened his meetings in the court house on Sunday night, and will continue the services for an indefinite period.

Worked in Mine

Dr. Ridley was born and reared in the Watauga section of Macon county. When he was 17 his mother was left a widow with a family of many children, of whom Caleb was the eldest. The youth went to work in the Rocky Face mines near his home to support his penniless mother and brothers and sisters. He has lived to hear Gilbert Fredrick, of the University of Chicago, say: "For 50 years I have been a college and university man along with preaching the gospel, and I long to see Dr. Ridley's methods of presenting truth become the method of both class room and pulpit. He surpasses any man I have ever known in the fine art of illustration."

Author of Books

The evangelist is a native of the section where were born the Truett, the Dixons, the McConnells and the O'Kelleys. He delights to be called a mountaineer, and has never forgotten the plain people among whom he spent his early years.

Probably the best known among the several prose works and volumes of poetry of which he is author is "Primary Things of the Spirit," which has been widely read and preached. His most delightful book from the standpoint of dramatic interest, and from the light it throws on the Carolina mountain folk and upon his own life is "The Southern Mountaineer." In this work, Ridley makes characters of the mountain men and women with whom he once lived, many of them still living, and uses the real names of these characters. He, himself, is the central figure in the narrative, for the book is autobiographical.

Alert, keen-eyed, of robust physique, Dr. Ridley is a typical mountain man. In the pulpit he gives the impression of being always "on his toes." Never for an instant do his eyes leave the faces in the congregation, even before he rises to preach.

Jim Raby of Holly Springs, known throughout Macon as a singing school teacher, is in charge of the music at the revival. Miss Edwina Dalrymple is pianist. A volunteer choir is assisting with the music, and special solos and male quartets are features of each evening's service. Rev. A. S. Solesbee is aiding the evangelist with the details of the revival.

Dr. Ridley's subject for Thursday night is "Heaven on the Installment Plan." All secret order men and women are invited to Friday night's service, on which night the subject will be "Down to Jericho." On Saturday night the evangelist will preach on "The Worst Thing I've Seen in Franklin."

BIG LAND TRACT TO BE EXAMINED

Foresters Make Preliminary Survey of 10,000 Acres in Rabun

John Wasilk, Jr., land examiner for the Nantahala National forest, left forestry headquarters at Franklin Monday afternoon with a crew composed of John T. Siler, Haughton Williams, and Lewis Meike to begin examination of 10,000 acres of land offered for sale to the Nantahala forest in Rabun county, Ga., by the Marshall Lumber company.

The crew will make camp at the head of Persimmon creek, and will examine several other tracts, totaling several thousand acres, that have been offered for sale in Macon county.

FIFTY-HOUR MARK

Garland Baldwin Struck On Head With Golf Club By Geo. Penland

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CADDY RECEIVES SKULL FRACTURE

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