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## ENCLOSED FIND CHECK

The most gratifying letters an editor receives are those beginning, "enclosed find check." The following is such a letter. We copy it as a model. Let there be many more like it:

Crestmont, N. C., Nov. 14, 1917.  
The Mountaineer-Courier:—Please find enclosed check for \$5 to apply on subscription. I am sorry that I let this run so long without settling. I have been waiting for a statement which I failed to get.

Would you send me statement showing how I stand after giving me credit for the \$5 and I will send in balance if any.

Yours very truly, Arthur Ford.  
This pays to April, 1918. Many thanks.

## THE TENNESSEE HIGHWAY

Bryson City Times.

Buncombe and Haywood counties, N. C., and Sevier county, Tenn., are very much interested in the highway up Ocona Lufly river, and a general meeting of the interests has been called to meet at Sevierville the first Monday in January. Haywood is at work on the road leading to Soco gap. Jackson county, with its usual nonprogressiveness, does not seem interested. But the State Highway Commission has been corresponding with our Senators and Representative Weaver and their aid has been promised in an endeavor to get some Federal funds for that part of the highway across a corner of Jackson county.

Here in Swain we have strong assurance that we will receive both State and Federal aid for the construction of our part of the highway. The State of Tennessee proposes to aid Sevier county to the extent of \$40,000 if the county will build from Sevierville to the top of the Smoky Mountains. It is also expected that the Federal Government will give some financial aid to Sevier county.

Chairman Patterson of the Swain Highway Commission, says Swain county is ready to build to the top of the Mountain whenever we have assurance that Sevier county will join us on the other side with a good tourist road. Swain is much interested in this road and Chairman Patterson has done much work towards getting the sections interested to come together so something tangible can be worked out. Mr. Patterson has recently received the following letter from Mr. Coble of the N. C. State Highway Commission:

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 9, 1917.  
Mr. A. S. Patterson,  
Bryson City, N. C.

Dear Mr. Patterson:  
I am enclosing letter from Mr. Murray, Secretary of Tennessee Highway Commission, with reference to the meeting on the first Monday in January at Sevierville. Mr. Murray seems to think that we had better have a delegation from the counties this road will pass, and I think myself that the idea is a good one as the people of Sevier county, I understand, will need some encouragement from the outside and outside influence brought to bear on them to get them to furnish funds for this road. The work in Haywood county on this highway is going along nicely and we have every promise of the road being built through to Soco Gap. I am taking up the matter of appropriation for the road through Soco with the Federal Government and am assured by Congressmen and Representatives that we will receive their support in this project. I am sorry to say that I fear that we can't expect anything from Jackson county; they do not seem to have any special interest in this matter.

Mr. Allen, County Commissioner of Haywood, has promised to accompany us to Sevierville on the first Monday in January and I want to urge you, if you possibly can arrange to do so, to go with us leaving here on No. 11 at 2:45 Sunday afternoon before the first Monday in January. I will also arrange to have a representative from Buncombe county at this meeting. I am glad to be able to state that Buncombe is taking more interest in this project at present than heretofore.

With kindest regards, I am  
Yours very sincerely,  
E. F. COBLE,  
Engineer State Highway Com.

## CONFERENCE CHANGES

The W. N. C. conference adjourned Monday at Asheville after a busy series of sessions and Waynesville is glad that Rev. W. B. West is returned here and that his father also comes as presiding elder of this district. This will be pleasant for both of them. The following are the appointments for Waynesville District:  
J. H. West, Presiding Elder.  
Andrews—M. T. Smathers.  
Bethel—C. E. Stedman.  
Bryson-Whittier—J. W. Campbell.  
Canton—J. H. Bradley.  
Franklin Station—R. H. Dougherty.  
Franklin Circuit—J. G. Umberger.  
Pines Creek—J. F. Stillwell.  
Glennville—T. L. Noble, Supply.  
Haywood—A. L. Latham.  
Hayesville—C. M. Carpenter.  
Highlands—D. V. Howell.  
Judson—E. B. Bell, Supply.  
Jonathan—L. H. Griffith.  
Macon—J. E. Womack.  
Murphy Station—J. W. Ingle.  
Murphy Circuit—B. F. Clarke.  
Ranger—W. R. Warren, Supply.  
Robbinsville—G. A. B. Holderby.  
Sylva—J. A. Cook.  
Waynesville—W. B. West.  
Webster—J. L. Teague.  
Tuckasegee—R. L. Foster.  
Students, Emory University—F. O. Dryman.

Rev. M. F. Moores who was once a pastor here goes from Concord to Hendersonville. Rev. Frank Siler is now presiding elder of the Winston district. Rev. E. O. Smithdeal of the Clyde circuit goes to Micaville in the Marion district.

## JAMES O. ALLEN DEAD.

Many people and friends will be shocked to learn of the sudden death of James O. Allen of Pigeon township who died in the Waynesville hospital Monday of a cerebral hemorrhage, or clot on the brain. He was about 35 years old and son of the late Lee Allen. He leaves a mother and two brothers and two sisters.

The funeral will either be Thursday or Friday, depending on the arrival of a married sister and the two brothers from Texas.

Mr. Allen was a model young man, a good farmer and splendid citizen and all who knew him were his friends. Peace to his memory.

## ACRE OF LAND SELLS FOR \$345

There has been recorded at Register of Deeds' office a transfer of land, showing that a tract of land of a trifle less than an acre, one and a half miles from town, was sold recently by Rufus Siler, bookkeeper at the Bank of Waynesville, to George W. Justice for \$345. The tract adjoined that of Mr. Justice and he wanted it for truck purposes.

## BACK FROM BEAR HUNT

Walter Hawk superintendent of the city water and lights and W. L. Hardin secretary to Congressman Weaver, returned Saturday from a 15-days' bear hunt in the Smoky Mountains. They were not as successful as usual, getting only two cubs weighing about 60 pounds each and one old one weighing about 250 pounds. They found the most very poor this year. The early frost caught the chestnuts before maturing and they are still in the burs on the trees. The bears were poor and seemed to rely on berries mainly for food. They found some snow on the north side of the range. While there they completed a new cabin 21x30 with steel bunks to replace the one recently burned by incendiaries. There are 30 to 40 members of the Appalachian Rod and Gun Club who have hunting privileges there so the expense was not very great per member, the total cost being about \$450. The old cabin stood unoccupied for eleven years. Three Tennesseans were also in this hunting party. They had three airdales and about twenty hounds. They started bear every day, but most of them succeeded in reaching the "woolyheads" or laurel thickets, or their dens where they were safe from pursuit. Starting from the top of the Smoky Ridge which forms the boundary between North Carolina and Tennessee, they hunted along the crest for about ten miles and about three on each side. Much of this territory however, could not be covered on account of the dense growth of briars.

## WHEN DAILY TASKS ARE ENDED

Jesse Daniel Boone.

When your daily tasks are ended  
And November suns have set,  
And when homeward you have wended,  
Seeking rest, and to forget  
Countless little old vexations  
Which the days have brought to you,  
Isn't home and relaxations  
Just the things to help you through?

Home and loved ones here await you  
And will welcome your return,  
And combine to reinstate you;  
Here there's none to frown nor spurn;  
No one seeks to vex or fret you,  
Nor to cross you in the least;  
But its here they tease and pet you,  
And its here they spread a feast.

Books and papers here surround you,  
And the home fire's burning bright,  
While no outward things confound you;  
For you've shut them out of sight.  
Here you find an earthly haven  
Where you read and laugh and rest;  
And the images here, ungraven,  
Seem of all the world, the best.

Let the world be harsh and cruel,  
Let its tasks be hard and long;  
If you'll give me home and fuel,  
And my evenings, and a song,  
I can stand the daytime worries,  
Though they come both thick and fast;  
I can weather storms and flurries  
If at evening they are past.

But if there should be no changes,  
And no refuge for the night,  
And my mind has not some ranges  
And some chances for a flight,  
I should soon be so distracted  
That a mad house would be sought;  
But all this is counteracted  
In the home, when overwrought.

For the homeless, I am praying;  
For their nights I have concern,  
For the heavy toll they're paying  
Is a monstrous big return  
To the gods of toil and treasure,  
Who are claiming night and day  
All their strength, in fullest measure,  
And for poorest kind of pay.

Home is next thing here to Heaven,  
For by Heaven it is blest,  
And like Sabbath day in seven,  
It is sanctified and best.  
Leave your daily cares and troubles  
At the threshold of them both  
As the sun rays quit the dials  
At the twilight's magic growth.

## HOME GUARD ORGANIZED

The Counsel of Defense for Haywood county met in the court house Saturday at 11 o'clock and proceeded to muster in 50 men for this county as a home guard as follows:

From Clyde.

John P. Morrow, R. H. West, Claude Jones, Grover C. Haynes and Horace Sentelle.

From Woodrow.

James Kinsland, John Cathey, C. S. Terrell, Lee Duckett and J. C. Rickards.

From Canton.

J. Bat Smathers, Robert H. Henderson, J. M. C. Harrison, J. T. Bailey, Wiley J. Ball, R. Russell, Cleve C. Hawkins, George A. Moffitt, Samuel K. Felmet, A. J. Jeffers, C. W. Hawkins, C. S. Frell, John Wright, C. A. Mooney and J. R. Shook.

From Waynesville.

James Atkins, Jr., A. C. Arrington, C. W. Davis, J. L. Stringfield, T. F. Edwards, Joseph Gaddis, Alden Howell, Jr., Bolling Hall, E. J. Hyatt, R. O. Kelly, L. M. Killian, R. L. Lee, J. H. Kinsland, John S. Mitchell, C. W. Miller, Jr., J. Mack White, M. A. Poteat, Chas. E. Quinlan, O. H. Shelton, J. M. Palmer, F. C. Welch and W. A. Whitener.

Chairman M. D. Kinsland called the men up in line and administered the oath of allegiance, after which a captain and second lieutenant was elected as follows:

Captain, L. M. Killian, Waynesville.  
Second Lieutenant, W. J. Ball, Canton.

The First Lieutenant will be selected from Sylva's twenty-five men. The local guards will drill in the splendid armory of old Co. H near the depot once a week as the 40th Co. of the State militia.

## HAPPENINGS OF HAYWOOD INSTITUTION

Last Friday, Nov. 16, 1917, two very interesting society programs were rendered, one by the young ladies and the other by the young men.

The young men were invited to the program given by the young ladies' literary society, and it seems that every number was enjoyed very much. The following program was rendered:

1. Solo, "The Marsellaise Hymn"—Rene Joyce.
2. An Imaginary Humorous Dialect Story—Bonnie Morrow.
3. Piano Duet—Miss Wilkins and Beth Davis.
4. Recitation—Valeria Medford.
5. Prophecy of the Adelpian and Clay Webster Literary Societies—Una Latimer.
6. Talk, "Sitting for a Picture"—Annie Terrell.
7. Solo, "There, Little Girl, Don't Cry,"—Vera Holland.
8. "Guess Who"—Edith Mehaffey.
9. Burlesque, "A Faculty Meeting"—Five Girls.

In the evening a declamation contest was held in the auditorium by the young men to decide who should go to Trinity College, Durham, to the State Declamation Contest. The speakers were Mr. Orville Haynes, Mr. Hugh Haynes, Mr. Bernard Morrow, Mr. J. B. Francis, Mr. C. M. Maxwell and Mr. Roy Haynes. The speeches were all good. Miss Willis sang for us and each of her songs was enjoyed to the fullest extent.

The winner in the contest was Mr. Orville Haynes, while Mr. J. B. Francis came a very close second.

We are indeed very sorry that Miss Willie Mae Hart, one of our teachers, is very sick. We trust that she will soon regain health and strength and come back among us.

## STUDENT.

### DEATH OF JAMES QUEEN.

I have watched for the papers to say something of the death of James Queen who dropped dead above Waynesville on Oct. 27th.

Mr. Queen started to his work after breakfast, stopped at the home of Rev. T. F. Arrington while his family were at the breakfast table and seemed well and lively as ever. He then proceeded and stopped to talk to another Mr. Arrington who was loading a wagon and then went to his work and fell dead.

He was a Christian man with a good influence and leaves a wife and several sons and daughters to reverence his memory. Let us profit by his example.  
A FRIEND.

## CORRESPONDENTS WANTED

This paper wants a dozen or more correspondents—one in each town in the county outside of Waynesville and as many more as there are separate country communities. We furnish stamps and stationery and a copy of the paper. If you, who read this, cannot undertake to do this yourself procure some one or recommend some one to us. Help us make this newspaper of local interest. This is your county seat weekly. For the prestige of your county, help make it the best weekly in this end of North Carolina. We already have the big circulation. What we now want is the news.

## DEVELOPING A CHROMIUM MINE

A development in Jackson county, of which not much has been said, is the discovery of what may prove to be valuable mines of chromic iron, which when reduced can be used as a valuable constituent of steel—the very thing needed in the war industry. The firm now undertaking the development is S. H. Hamilton & Co. H. J. Sloan of the Sloan-Platt Hardware of Waynesville is interested and he has been in Philadelphia a good deal of the time lately, presumably in the interest of this undertaking. Monday there was shipped from the Sloan-Platt Hardware store a rope weighing 250 pounds besides shovels and other mining tools to Sylva, which is the nearest railroad station to the mine, being four miles from Webster. Already a car of the mineral has been shipped, presumably to some smelter. It is supposed that Mr. Sloan has a geologist whom Mr. Sloan has interested in the mine project.

## TWO TIMELY ADDRESSES

Mr. James M. Gray, Extension Service district agent for Western North Carolina, will address the farmers of the vicinities of Rock Hill and Beavertown on the following dates: Rock Hill, November 26th, 8:00 o'clock p. m., Beavertown, November 27th, 3:30 p. m. Mr. Gray will have something to say on the first fundamental of good farming, "plowing." Corn is high. Every farmer wants to make a good crop next year. Those who can will do well to hear Mr. Gray on an easy way to increase next year's yields with decreased cost. Let the farmers of the above mentioned places come out and hear the discussion of a subject vital to their business.

County Agent,  
Wm. H. FERGUSON.

## IN BUSINESS HERE 51 YEARS

In all probability C. W. Miller who runs a harness shop has been in business in Waynesville longer than any other citizen. He started a harness shop here at the age of 18 and has been at it ever since, a period of 51 years. At least he remembers no one else in business now who was in business then.

## THE OPEN SEASON

The open season for hunting as applied to this county is as follows: Deer, Oct. 15 to Jan. 1; squirrel, quail, ruffed grouse (pheasant), wild turkey, woodcock, Nov. 1 to Jan. 1; dove, Nov. 1 to March 1; plover, snipe, yellow-legs, Sept. 1 to Dec. 16; wild fowl, Nov. 1 to Feb. 1; opossum and raccoon, Nov. 15 to Jan. 15. Bag limit: Deer, 2 a season; pheasants, 1; wild turkeys, 1; other birds, 15 a day. Licenses: Non-residents of county \$25.00 (issued by sheriff). Written permission required.

## DEATH OF DONIE GRASTY

Caldonia Grasty, aged about 40 years died at her home here Nov. 1st after an illness of seven days following a fall at the postoffice.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. V. Joyner and L. H. Griffith and the burial was at Dellwood, her former home. She leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Grasty, two sisters and five brothers.

## CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Grasty desire us to thank the many friends who were so kind and helpful during the illness and after the death of their daughter.  
A FRIEND.

## Saying Farewell to the Pet



There is a dawning in the sky  
Which doth a world of fate imply,  
And on each casual passing face  
A look expectant you may trace.  
The signs the veteran turkey sees  
And with a deep and mournful sigh  
He calls his numerous family nigh  
And murmurs, pointing to the trees,  
"Roost high, my little ones, roost high."  
—Eugene Field.