

THE ASHEVILLE-KNOXVILLE HIGHWAY AS PROPOSED

Week before last we published the Asheville Citizen's account of the Sandy Mush celebration on the 18th of September. The account published by the Asheville Times was somewhat different and as quite a number of our readers do not take either the Citizen or the Times, we are giving below the Times account of the meeting. We understand these people are planning another meeting of this kind to be held about the middle of October and we hope to be present and give first hand our own account of the coming meeting.

We are giving each of these accounts for what they are worth, their authority being duly given:

SEE SUCCESS FOR NEW ROAD TO KNOXVILLE

Canto, (Forks of Sandy Mush) Sept. 18.—Concrete boulevard piercing the heart of this beautiful and fertile mountain region, passing westward through the mountain barriers, at Doggett's Gap, and cutting the distance from Asheville to Knoxville by 30 to 40 miles seems certain to result from the powerful sentiment developed here today under the most auspicious circumstances favoring the project.

In this picturesque mountain cove where the waters of Big and Little Sandy Mush meet more than 2,000 persons assembled and joined in a master celebration designed as a forward step toward obtaining a new highway link, touching Buncombe, Madison and perhaps, Haywood counties and entering Tennessee. Speech making, feasting and music were highlights of the program.

Federal, state and county officials, addressing the enthusiastic assemblage of men, women and children assured the people of this region of their support in obtaining the proposed road. Support in bringing the good road, that would skirt the edge of the proposed national park in the Great Smoky Mountains, a few miles from here, was pledged by Congressman Zebulon Weaver, State Senator Plato Ebbs, Harry L. Nettles, representative in the general assembly, J. G. Stikeleather, ninth district highway commissioner and others.

Don S. Elias, president and publisher of the Times, drew rounds of lusty applause when he pledged his whole-hearted support and that of his newspaper to the move to secure the good road. "The Times will do everything in its power," he said, "to see that this road is built. And if it cuts forty miles from the distance from Asheville to Knoxville it is certain to come soon."

sore throat, he spoke briefly, but he didn't miss a chance to tell his old friends and neighbors he was with them 100 per cent for the good road. Representative Nettles voiced the same sentiment, saying he would work day and night if necessary to help bring about the improvement.

W. R. Ellerson, a member of the board of commissioners of Madison county, pledged his support to the proposal, and so did Squire Jasper Ebbs, father of Senator Ebbs, also a resident of Madison.

Col. Virgil Lusk, of Asheville, 91 years old brought loud applause with his speech in which he strongly advocated the proposed road and delighted his hearers with a recital of his boyhood experiences in the hills and coves of Madison and Buncombe counties some 75 and 80 years ago. In spite of his advanced age, Col. Lusk held his own with the most alert and active of the speakers. When he told humorous stories about "courtin' in the mountains around Doggett's Gap the crowd roared with laughter.

A novel feature of the day's program was presented by Bascom Lamar Lunsford, of Asheville, attorney and musician, and five young musicians from Madison county. John Woody, Bob Wells, Ray Willett, Raymond Willett and Monroe Webb composed the quintet from Madison. They accompanied Mr. Lunsford on their stringed instruments when he sang folk songs and ballads of the mountaineers of a century ago. Some of these ballads were collected by Mr. Lunsford from the settlers in Doggett's Gap. The compositions originating in and around the gap scored heavily. Especially one of the ballads containing the "Chestnut Tree, Chestnut Gap; Don't mind the weather in Doggett's Gap."

A sumptuous picnic dinner prepared by the women of the community was one of the principal features of the gathering. Members of the committee on arrangements for the event were Albert Teague, E. W. Reeves, Norman Randall, C. H. Reeves and Mrs. Dale Thrash.

Coming from Asheville to Canto, a distance of 18 miles, the road is concrete about 13 miles, and the remainder of the way is a fairly good soil road. From here westward there is a rough road leading through Doggett's Gap into Madison County and thence into Tennessee. Over this route, it is estimated, the distance from Asheville to the Tennessee line is 36 miles. Coming here from Asheville the road passes through what is said to be most fertile agricultural county in Buncombe county and there is certainly no other section richer in scenic beauty or in the high order of its citizenry.

CONVICTS MOVED FROM BELVA

The convicts, which have been building the road over Laurel, the camps being located at Belva, were moved Wednesday of last week. The average number during their stay at Belva had been about 135, and at the time of the moving there were 125. Of this number 60 of the A men were taken to Winston-Salem, where they are employed in a rock quarry, the others being taken back to Raleigh. Captain Rains, who was in charge of them while at Ivy and Belva, is now in charge of the 60 at Winston-Salem.

The road project which they were putting through has not yet been completed but the Highway Commissioner proposes to finish this road with free labor.

his apple trees were not satisfied this year with bearing just apples, as fine as they are, but they wanted to do something out of the ordinary, so there you find the pumpkins hanging from the apple tree limbs. Seeing is believing. Ask Mr. Farmer how it is done.

REFLECTIONS OF A MOUNTAIN SCHOOL TEACHER

(By JACK V. JOYCE)

I was just thinking awhile ago about the difference between duty and love. The question may be asked is there any difference? I believe there is a big difference. Are our actions controlled by a sense of duty or a sense of love? Let us take a look at the meaning of these two words. Duty means doing something because we know it would be right for us to do it. Doing things out of love means to do something because our hearts are giving. Take in the Florida disaster. President Coolidge is asking the nation as a whole to donate to a relief fund for those stricken people. Now are we giving from a sense of duty or are we giving out of love for the people? Our acts should be controlled solely by the great motive of LOVE and not merely by a sense of DUTY. Scripture tells us, "Now abideth Faith, Hope and Love; but the greatest of these is love." Have you ever noticed that when a lad or lassie goes astray, the parents will always excuse themselves by saying, "I did my duty by him or her." Alas, if that is all you have done, no wonder the child has gone wrong. Have you cried everything that love says? Do you think for a moment that it was merely through a sense of duty to the Father that Jesus Christ died on the cross? No it was because Jesus shared in the world-wide love of His Father.

The world is dying for a little bit of love. There are so many duty-bound folks and not enough love-bound folks. Which are you, dear reader? Let this question be answered in your life.

Have you ever sat in church and listened to a man preach and you knew that man's private life, and knew it's not altogether what it should be? How do you feel? I suppose the preacher is the most criticized person in the world. But yet if he is really called of God, he will be able to stand it all. The more refining a metal gets, the purer it is, and the more valuable it is, too. Someone has said very truthfully, too, I think, that the greatest sermon that has ever been preached is the life of a man or woman dedicated to the service of God Almighty. What kind of a sermon are you preaching? Did you know, Brother, or Sister Christian, that the unsaved population of the world is not reading the Holy Bible, but that they are reading Gospel according to YOU? Your life, your everyday actions, not your words, your business transactions, are living messages to the world concerning what Christ has done for you. When the revival comes around and the people of the church are looking around to see who are saved and who are not, do they have to ask you whether or not you are a Christian? Let your actions show what you are. Remember, "actions speak louder than words."

EASTERN STARS GIVE BUSINESS MEN FINE BANQUET AT RECTOR HOTEL

MUSIC, READING, AND SPEECHES DURING BANQUET

Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 the ladies of the Marshall Chapter of Eastern Stars gave the business men of Marshall a delightful banquet at the Rector Hotel. About 52 plates were served as many as many men, the proceeds to go for furnishing the quarters of the Eastern Star in the new Masonic building.

SERIOUSLY HURT IN GRINDING AXE

Marshall, N. C., Oct. 6.—A report from an Asheville hospital this morning was to the effect that Columbus Revis, young farmer of near here, was in a serious condition. Revis was injured while grinding an axe at his home Saturday. The axe was caught in some manner by a belt and torn from his grasp and flung against his stomach. Although he suffered a great deal, his injuries were not thought serious until Monday afternoon when he was removed from his home to the hospital.

THE ERSKINE SALE

In the sale of the J. J. Redmon property advertised elsewhere in this paper by the Erskine Realty Co., of Weverville, one may see an evidence of a new day for Marshall. It is the changing owners of property, especially real estate, that brings about development and prosperity. As long as the real estate of a town or community is owned by one, two or three men, and they are able to continue to hold it and refuse to sell, that community cannot develop.

NONE CAN TAKE THE PLACE OF MOTHER

By OME KENT
Whittier, N. C.

Oh, I often think today
Of my own dear mother's way,
With her hand upon my head
Just before I went to bed.
Yes, her loving hand was there,
I can almost feel it now;
As she taught to me my prayer,
And the memory is so sweet,
Of the one I long to meet.

There's none can take the place of mother,
Not even father, sister, friend or brother.
When she's gone from us away,
How we miss her every day.
For there's none on earth can take the place of mother,
For you'll never miss your mother until she's gone.

PREVENT FIRES

SUGGESTIONS SPECIALLY FOR FARMERS

LIGHTNING—Your property should be protected by lightning rods. They should be properly erected and efficient, in which case they will be valuable, affording a very high degree of protection. This applies to farm houses and especially barns when filled with hay or feedstuffs.

HEATING—All arrangements for heating should be safe. Are your

SANDY MUSH PEOPLE ENTHUSIASTIC AS TO PROPOSED KNOXVILLE-ASHEVILLE ROAD

chimneys and flues well built? Terra-cotta and brick-on-edge flues are not safe. Have you metal protection beneath the stoves, and are the pipes safe and well wired? How about your fire-places? Don't start fires with kerosene oil. Have screens before open fires.

LIGHTING—What kind do you use? Is it safe? Electric wiring standard? Do you use kerosene oil? If so, are your lamps kept clean and filled by daylight only?

CLOSETS—What is the condition of your closets and pack-rooms? Don't carry lighted candles or lamps into them.

SMOKING should not be allowed about farm buildings. It is the cause of innumerable fires. SUCH A FIRE IS A CRIME.

MATCHES should not be lighted in a barn or warehouse, nor kept there, nor carried loose in the pocket. Use only safety matches.

LANTERNS—Discard the old lantern and get a new one. Provide perfectly safe and convenient places to hang your lanterns, or place them in the barn, and never hang or place them elsewhere. Better still, get a flashlight.

AUTOMOBILE AND GASOLINE TRACTORS must not be housed in or adjoining a building where grain or stock is kept. Keep your gasoline supply at an absolutely safe distance.

THRESHING, HAY-MAKING AND SILO-FILLING are times of danger when the farmer must be all vigilance if he wishes to be safe.

"TO WHOM SHALL WE GO"

This is the question Rev. Paul Helligman will discuss in his sermon Sunday morning at the Presbyterian Church. In the critical hour of Christ's leadership, as the Emancipator of humanity, when most of His followers had deserted Him, and the outlook was most dismal, He turned pathetically to His Apostolic Band, and asked the question, "And will ye also go away?" And Peter's reply, "To whom shall we go?" is still the burning question of today. A question that challenges every man, Christ or chaos is the only choice. The philosophy of life that Christianity has laid down for a life to follow that has proven to be the "uplifting force" of the human race, or materialism that has in it the seeds of death, and culminates in the destruction of civilization, are the only alternatives.

FEAR

Fear dwells in the heart of every one of us. We fear, sometimes, of losing out in our standing, or with those about us.

Therefore, let us all seek knowledge, and the worth-while things of this life. All will be better in the end. Best wishes to News-Record and its many happy readers.

MASONS AID DISTRESSED IN FLORIDA

Washington, D. C.—The Masonic Service Association has telegraphed offers of aid to the Grand Master of Masons in Florida. A representative of the Association left here recently to confer with officials in the devastated area and determine the amount of assistance needed from Masonic standpoint.

ANOTHER MEETING TO BE HELD ON SPRING CREEK IN NEAR FUTURE

Proposed Route Most Direct To National Park

Mr. Albert Teague of Sandy Mush was in Marshall Tuesday and reports to us that interest in the proposed road from Asheville to Knoxville is running high in Madison, Haywood and Buncombe counties. He says that in connection with the proposed highway a road from Marshall up Little Pine Creek and across the mountain to Spring Creek would intersect with the proposed highway on a road up Sandy Mush to the Forks of Sandy Mush would give a direct route from Marshall to all sections north and northeast of Marshall—a direct routing to the proposed highway and to the great National Park. He thinks that such proposed roads would bring thousands and thousands of tourists through Marshall every year as they visit the great National Park. Mr. Teague called our attention to an article which appeared in the Asheville Citizen last Saturday as follows:

Interest in the proposed route to Knoxville by way of Sandy Mush, Max Patch and Sevierville, which its proponents point out will cut the distance to the Tennessee city by 40 miles, continues to increase in both Madison and Haywood counties, according to Albert Teague, prominent Sandy Mush citizen who has dreamed of this highway for many years.

Mr. Teague was in Asheville Friday highly elated over the manner in which the people in both counties are getting behind the project. The highway, as proposed, would leave Asheville over Route 20, and follow this to West Buncombe when it will turn through the forks of Sandy Mush creek, then on to Doggett's Gap, by way of Spring Creek and Max Patch, finally reaching Tennessee and Knoxville by way of Sevierville, following on the whole an almost straight line between the two cities.

On the map the distance measures 75 miles by air line and it is believed by those who are behind the road project that the highway as proposed can be built within a length of 95 miles thus shortening the distance between Asheville and Knoxville materially.

Further steps looking to the promotion of the project will be taken in the near future, it is understood from those who are behind the movement. It is pointed out that the close proximity of Max Patch to the Great Smoky Mountain national park will be a big factor in the present highway scheme as it will, by the construction of a comparatively short piece of highway, make that portion of the park easily accessible.

Those who are anxious to have the State take up the question of this highway have received much encouragement from James G. Stikeleather, highway commissioner, who says that he will lend his aid in getting the project through as soon as practicable. The fact that it leads to the park area by the most direct route leads to the belief that, once constructed, the highway will become the most popular approach from Asheville to the national park.