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THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

NATIONAL PARK. and unexampled variety of trees, shrubs and plants." Under an act of With the creation by congress of a Congress, approved by President lational Park in the Great Smoky Coolidge February 21, 1925, appoint Mountains of Eastern Tennessee and ment of a commission was author-Western North Carolina as their ch- ized whose duties were to set the jective, the two States, primarily in- boundaries of such portions of the terested in the project-North Caro- Great Smoky Mountains as were delina and Tennessee-have joined sirable for park purposes, to receive hands to make the park a reality. definite offers of lands and money, During the past week the organiza- and obtain options on park lands. tions which have been working sepa- An appropriation of \$20,000 for the rately toward the same end have or- work of the commission was authorganized a joint committee, which will ized, and approved by the President co-ordinate their efforts. Col. D. C. and the Budget Bureau. The com-Chapman, of Knoxville, a prime mov- mission, which is at work in mapping er in the endeavor to save the Great the boundaries of the proposed Great Smokies from the ravages of the log- Smoky Mountains Park is headed by gers, has been named chairman of the Representative H. W. Temple of Pena-Inter-State Committee, and State sylvania, and is made up of four na-Senator Plato D. Ebbs, of Asheville, tionally known park experts: Major secretary. The immediate good of the W. A. Welsh, manager of Palisades two organizations, the Great Smoky Inter-State Park of New York and Mountain Conservation Association of New Jersey; Harlan P. Kelsey, presi-Tennessee, and the North Carolina dent of the Appalachian Mountain Fark Commission, is to obtain funds Club; W. C. Gregg, of the National to purchase at least a part of the Parks Service, and Col. Glenn S. area to be set aside as a park. The Smith of the United States Geological goal set by the Inter-State Executive Survey. The Inter-State committee Campaign Committe is one million of co-ordination consists of six memdollars to be raised pointly in the two bers, three from each State. The States. An intensive campaign for Tennessee delegation consists of Col. North Carolina's share is scheduled D. C. Chapman, chairman of the com to begin late in November. Tennes- mittee, Major B. A. Morton, and Dr. see's work will begin intensively on Herbert Acuff, all of Knoxville. 'The December 7th. Campaign offices have North Carolina members are State been opened in each State. Asheville Senator Mark Squires, of Lenvir, is the base of operations in North chairman of the North Carolina Park Carolina, and headquarters have been Commission, State Senator P. D. Ebla. established at the rooms of the Ashe- of Asheville, secretary of the commis ville Chambers of Commerce. At sion, and Charles A. Webb, also of Knoxville, where the Tennessee cam- Asheville. paign will be centered, offices have From an altitude of 12,500 feet

been opened in the headquarters of above the earth Lieut. Charles L. Williams, United States Army aviathe Knoxville Automobile Club. The sponsors of the movement to tor, and Sergeant Sam Houston, his acquire the park are speeding up their aide, have during the past five we ks efforts to have a National Park cre- been engaged in the gigantic task of ated before the mountains in the pro- photographing every square foot of posed park area are further denuded the proposed Great Smoky Mountains of their virgin forests. The timber National Park. First, the airplane interests, which hold the bulk of the winged its way around and above park lands are rapidly encroaching the the boundaries of the park area, on the primeval forests of the Great while Sergeant Houston, an expect Smokies, regarded by botanists as airplane photographer, took photothe most remarkable examples of for- graph after photograph of the edges estation in the western hemisphere, of the park domain. Then the task Unless those sections are soon set of reproducing the topography of the aside for a park, it is regarded as interior of the park bogan, and daily inevitable that the beauty of the the plane has flown North and South mountains with their unexampled va- while each square mile was recorded riety of trees and shrubs will be des- on the camera lens. The photographs hundreds of them, are being developpoiled by the invading loggers. The area of the proposed park is at Langley Field, Va., and when the roughly a minimum of 435,000 acres. park is finally covered by the airplan-The State of Tennessee through its the developed pictures will be so cat State Legislature has authorized the and fitted together that a great toppurchase of 80,000 acres. It is hoped ographic picture of several hundry

ing Inter-State campaign to purchase several hundred thousand acres more, piceure of an area that is in part and that the interest of the Nation unknown to the eye of man is not ye can be roused to provide funds for the completed. At least nine more days balance, or that Congress may make of clear weather will be needed, Lieuappropriation for that purpose.

ed, is located within the confines of Sevier, Monroe, Cocke and Blont the Great Smokies is infrequent at

North Carolina. cause of the height of mountains, Time. depth of valleys, ruggedness of area

that fund will be raised in the com- square feet will be produced. The job of making this unique map tenant Williams has estimated, to The park area, as tentatively plann- complete the interior. Favorable weather for airplane photography in

counties of Tennessee, and Swam. this time of year. Clear, cold days Graham and Haywood counties of the best for this work, for during more temperate weather clouds form The establishmen of the Great in the pockets of the mountains, and Smokies as National Park has the ap- the absence of clouds and smoke is proval of Secretary of Interior, under necessary for hest results. It is poswhose direction the National Parks sible by means of intricate photy are administered. A Federal Parl graphic devices to penetrate the haze Commission, appointed by Secretary that is so common to the mountain Work to select sites for a National area. Lieut. Williams has found that Fark in the Southern Appalachians the most favorable time of day to reported that the section visited, the obtain pictures is between 9:30 A. M Great Smokies "easily stand first be- and 1:30 P. M., Central Standard Both Lieut. Williams, who pilots the plane, and Sergeant Houston, the hotographer, wear parachutes strapped to their backs while in the air. It has not yet been necessary for them to resort to these extreme devices, but ouce when flying high over one of To Save \$15 or More the sharp and heavily timbered mountains, the fuel supply was suddenly cut off, and the engine stalled. Just All Wool 2-Piece Suits as the pilot was about to give the command to leap, the engine started. The low temperatures found in the high altitudes from which the photographs are taken requires the airmen to wear fur lined coats. One day this fall, it became so bitterly cold that the oil spattering from the engine froze on Sergeant Houston's camora Lieut. Williams was assigned to the task of mapping the boundaries of the Great Smokies after he had completed a similar map of the proposed Shanandoah National Park in Virginia, which is to be a sister park of the North Carolina-Tennessee park. The assignment was made by the War Department at the express request of Secretary Work, and the federal commission appointed to define the boundaries of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

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