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Millions to be Spent Here

(Editorial.)

The expected and much heralded real estate boom that was scheduled to happen in Waynesville and vicinity did not materialize. This was one of the greatest things that could have happened for a boom would have ruined the brightest prospects just ahead for this section that has ever been known.

The speculative "boom" was not realized here. Those who set out to repeat in our section the real estate gambling of Florida were defeated and disappointed and it is to our credit that they were. There has been no boom here and no boom was desired and it was purposely held off by joint action of the property owners and real estate operators. In the early season "promoters" began swarming in. Lots of speculators were driven from this field and the optimist run out. In this way land was not held at exorbitant prices and real estate is far lower in this section, considering our superior soil, climate and scenic grandeur, than most other sections.

Beginning at once and during the next few months millions of dollars will be put into circulation in Haywood county by the contemplated power development project. This means that Waynesville and Haywood county will have such a wave of prosperity as has never been known by the oldest inhabitants. It is estimated that the power development project will necessitate the expenditure of from twelve to fifteen million dollars. This is a vast sum of money and 'tis said the great bulk of this real money will be put in circulation in this section.

Not only will there be an unusual demand for skilled and unskilled labor for the building of sub-stations, towers, electric lines, etc., but great quantities of supplies, etc., will be purchased in this section.

Those in a position to know assert that the financiers back of this tremendous power project will be instrumental in locating many new industries in this part of the state. This is plausible when it is realized that the power company must have consumers.

Already our progressive town of Hazelwood is preparing to get its share of more industries. The taxpayers recently voted to sell their power equipment to the Carolina Power Company. It is reported that only three voted against the proposition out of nearly two hundred votes.

Naturally all cities and towns in this section will get busy to offer inducements in the way of free land, taxes, etc., to get some of the good things in the way of industries that are sure to locate in this section.

Waynesville is nearer to the power than any other place and it seems logical to believe that, with our many superior advantages, we should not have any difficulty in having located here some real big industries with large year round pay rolls.

It can easily be done if everyone will pull together and an energetic campaign is put on to organize a civic body that will really do something before it is too late.

Waynesville had its share of tourists this year. More than most other summer resorts according to the usual season's quota. The tourists or summer visitors DO mean a great deal to us—but with the wonderful Lake Junaluska colony, our marvelous scenic grandeur, our superior climate, our fertile soil, to say nothing of our hospitable citizenry and the contemplated golf course, we will always have the tourists in spite of the fact that this is the only tourist town in this part of the state that does not employ a full time Secretary of our Chamber of Commerce.

Waynesville really is having a building boom and has had this boom for the past eighteen months. Look at the many new homes, cottages, dwelling houses, filling stations and the beautiful new store and office buildings that have been erected within the past few months. According to Mr. T. C. Norris, Waynesville's progressive general contractor, there are more buildings contemplated at this time than have been built within the past five years. This is most encouraging. It shows a real

Carolina Motor Club Renewing Membership Drive



W. F. Shipman Reaches the City and Will Seek Members in Big Organization.

W. F. Shipman, assistant district manager of the Carolina Motor club, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and will stage a campaign for memberships in that state wide organization, which by the way, is affiliated with the "Tripple A," or American Automobile Association.

Mr. Shipman, who is the son of M. L. Shipman, needs no introduction here. "The majority of our members," said Mr. Shipman Tuesday afternoon, in referring to the work of the body which he represents, "are already educated to the fact that our services and courtesies are so extensive as not to be dreamed of by men who have no insight into the activities of the organization."

"Four years ago, during the extensive progress of North Carolina, 10 pioneers gathered in Greensboro and decided that the state which leads all others in the growing and manufacturing of cotton, tobacco and other products, should no longer be without a motor club to look after the interests of this great body of car owners."

"These 10 pioneers took steps toward the organization of what is now the Carolina Motor club, the largest in the south, and the fifteenth largest of all those affiliated with the American Automobile Association."

Mr. Shipman points out that the numerous features offered active

membership holders provide emergency road service, provide police bond, recovers stolen cars, fights speed traps, gives free legal assistance, provides full membership in the American Automobile Association, subscription to the Carolina motorist, attractive radiator emblem, works to prevent accidents, favors good legislation, and advertise to attract outside tourists.

In furnishing free emergency road service, it is the club's purpose to provide immediate relief to the member's disabled car, if possible within 30 minutes after arrival of mechanic and should the trouble be serious requiring parts or machine labor impossible at the road side, the car will be towed a distance of 10 miles free of charge. There are over five hundred places in the state to give such service to members.

The club has been very successful in recovering stolen cars having recovered 250 of 262 cars stolen from members.

The legal department of the club is available to members regarding all laws pertaining to the registration ownership, and operation of automobiles. The legal department undertakes defense of members unjustly accused. In civic matters the department will advise with respect to their legal rights in the prosecution and defense of claims for damages. It endeavors to settle outside of courts controversies arising from collisions in which members are con-

cerned.

Membership in the A. A. A. which is a business organization devoting its efforts and resources to lawful and proper interests of American motorists. Members who travel outside the jurisdiction of their own club may, upon the presentation of the membership card receive all courtesies and service as if they were at the home club.

The Carolina Motorist, the press organ of the club, is sent to each member every month. This publication plays an important part in advertising the progress of North Carolina. The Motorist endeavors to keep members posted regarding motor laws, speed traps, traffic regulations, developments both in the motor world and in the club.

The accident prevention department is working with untiring efforts to decrease the number of accidents in the state. Placards and posters have been widely distributed in the interest of public safety under the direction of the accident prevention department. Bulletins preaching the doctrine of safety have been broadcast throughout the state. Numerous highway lighthouses have been placed along the highways to warn motorists of dangerous and treacherous places on the road. The activities of this department include 166 accident prevention talks in 51 towns reaching over 50,000 people. Talks have been made in over a hundred schools and 38 civic clubs.

CIVIC LEAGUE.

The Civic League will meet with Mrs. W. H. Limer on Friday afternoon, Sept. 24th, at 3:30 o'clock. As this is the first meeting of the club year all members are urged to be present.

BOX SUPPER AT ROCK HILL.

There will be a box supper at the Rock Hill school house Saturday night, September 18th, at 8:00 o'clock. Everybody is invited. Come, bring a box.

One way to make people is to leave them alone, and let them go about being happy in their own way.

substantial growth. An expansion that very few cities the size of Waynesville can boast of. A great deal of the real estate activity of this community was caused by the fact that we have a progressive city administration. They have spent thousands of dollars, but, we surely have something to show for it in improved paved roads and streets and in new streets opened which have made many sub-divisions possible. Give credit where it is due.

The pessimist who laments the fact that real estate is too high in Waynesville is so far behind the times that he should wake up and withdraw his funds from tax-exempt securities and really make a profit by investing in real estate in the town in which he made his money.

Land is dirt cheap in this community and it is freely predicted that within the next ten or twelve months every foot of land in Waynesville township will have doubled and trebled in value. Just as soon as we wake up to the fact that Waynesville's hour of prosperity has come at last.

D. A. R. Met.

The first meeting of the Haywood Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was held with Mrs. B. J. Sloan at her attractive home, "Bonnie Blink," Friday afternoon, September 3rd. The President, Mrs. C. F. Kirkpatrick, presided with Mrs. Roy Martin secretary pro tem.

The meeting opened with the singing of our State song, "The Old North State."

The annual State Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will convene in Fayetteville October 13th to 15th. The following delegates and alternates were elected: Mrs. E. J. Hyatt, delegate, with Mrs. J. M. Queen alternate; Mrs. J. H. Howell, delegate, with Mrs. W. L. Kirkpatrick alternate.

It was voted that the chapter buy a copy of "North Carolina Women of the Confederacy" written and published by Mrs. John Huske Anderson of Fayetteville, who is Historian of North Carolina. Division United Daughters of the Confederacy. It contains interesting incidents and facts concerning the Confederate women of our State. This book will be placed in the Waynesville Library.

After the business was disposed with the following program was rendered: An interesting article from "The Confederate Veteran" contributed by Miss Martha Haywood in commendation of the work of Capt. S. A. Ashe's history of North Carolina was read by Mrs. J. H. Howell.

Mrs. J. W. Reed sang two selections beautifully—Tears, by Oscar Rasbah and Philosophy, by Emmell. She was accompanied by Mrs. Louis Johnson of Decatur, Ga.

The chapter was delighted to have met with them besides Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. F. A. Anderson, of Johnson City, Tenn., Mrs.

Couley, guests of Mrs. S. J. Shelton. Mrs. Sloan served a delicious salad course.

CHARLOTTE MINISTER TO PREACH IN GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

In the absence of the Rector of Grace church, all the services on Sunday, September 19th, will be conducted by the Reverend W. H. Wheeler, Superintendent of the Thompson Orphanage at Charlotte, N. C. The full regular schedule of the day's service will be maintained by Mr. Wheeler, as follows:

- 8 A. M. The Holy Communion.
- 10 A. M. Church School and Bible Class in the Parish House.
- 11 A. M. Morning prayer and sermon.
- 8 P. M. Evensong and address.

The Rev. Mr. Wheeler is a most interesting and attractive speaker, and it is hoped the church will be filled to its capacity to hear him.

THE PIONEER.

The Pioneer which is now being issued in North Carolina by the North Carolina branch of the League of American Pen Women" contains the list of officers:

- President—Miss Mary Hilliard Hinton of Raleigh, N. C.
- Vice President—Mrs. Isa Maud Hest.
- 2nd Vice President—Mrs. Charles Fisher Taylor, Washington, D. C.
- Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Rufus L. Allen, Waynesville, N. C.
- Librarian—Miss Anna Forbest Leddell.
- Historian—Mrs. Sarah H. Hemzering.

This paper is of interest to the North Carolina membership of the League of American Pen Women. A meeting soon will take place in Raleigh, N. C.

Noted Author at Waynesville

Haywood County Singing Convention

"Betsy Hamilton" Is Still Writing At the Age of 83.

The old time Southern plantation—the slaves that toiled in the cotton fields, the great holiday celebrations, the wonderful Southern hospitality, the singing of negro spirituals, and the singing of negro spirituals, all vividly pictured by Mrs. M. V. Moore, noted Southern dialect writer, when she is engaged in telling of her childhood days.

Mrs. Moore, who is better known in the literary world as "Betsy Hamilton," is visiting her niece, Mrs. Arthur Meade in Waynesville, and enjoys perfect health and is still writing at the age of 83 years.

She has written most of her work under the name of "Betsy Hamilton," which she adopted early in her career. Her most noted publication is "Betsy Hamilton," which is made up of sketches in the form of letters. Some of her other works are "Christmas on the Old Time Plantation" and "The Backwoods, Familiar Letters."

Her writings are in two dialects—that of the Southern plantation negro and that of the white people of the Southern backwoods and hill country.

"Betsy Hamilton's" girlhood days were spent on the plantation and it was there she became familiar with the habits, the characteristics, and the dialects of the old time negro. In writing negro stories she does not have to draw on her imagination, or hearsay for the material—she gets it first hand, from the kitchen, the cotton patch, and corn fields. In regard to her negro dialect, it has been said by some noted authors—"In some respects she is without any real rival."

"Betsy Hamilton" visited in the home of the unique people of the Southern backwoods and hill country where she studied their habits and dialect. Her sketches of these people are genuine and not overdrawn.

"Betsy Hamilton" was born in Talladega, Alabama, and she was graduated from the Centenary College of the same state. Her letters began to appear in the "Sunny South," a leading literary publication of the South, about fifty years ago. Joel Chandler Harris (Uncle Remus) discovered a value in her letters and he persuaded Henry W. Grady, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, to engage her on the staff of that paper. She then abandoned the letter style and wrote character sketches, keeping her pen name. She has had sketches to appear in several leading publications including the New York Sun and Harpers Weekly.

"Betsy Hamilton" has appeared for years in success on the Lecture Course of the New York Chautauqua, which experience added greatly to her reputation as an entertainer. The first season she appeared with Frank A. Morgan and the last one she was with Bob Taylor's traveling Lyceum Bureau.

She was engaged for several years by churches, schools, and other organizations and she traveled throughout the South and appeared frequently before large audiences in the interest of these organizations. In conversing with Mrs. Moore she said, "I have derived more pleasure from this work than anything that I have ever done, because it has given me opportunity for extensive travel and to mingle with all classes of people. This work has broadened my views and has increased my knowledge of the world and its ways, and I have received untold pleasures which money could not buy."

In speaking of her childhood days she said: "My father owned several hundred negro slaves and I mingled and played with the little negroes—in other words, I was one of the 'little negroes,' and I learned to speak and act like them. It is easy for me to write sketches in negro dialect because it comes natural for me to speak it."

"We would always have large feasts on the holidays, and we would have visitors come to our house and spend several days. All strangers were invited to attend the celebrations on these plantations. My father or would kill at least sixty hogs to last during Christmas for the entire plantation.

It met at Clyde, Haywood county, Sept. 12th. A most interesting program was given by the joint meeting of the Haywood and adjoining counties and the State association.

Prof. Chas. Nelson was chairman of this joint meeting who was president of the Haywood county association and noted instructor of the piano at Canton.

Characteristic of gatherings there was a lack of promptness in assembling.

The enthusiastic president of the State association, Ray Parker, was prominent on the program, joining in the choruses and solos.

The first song by the leaders and audience was that familiar "Sweet By and By."

Mr. D. H. Harris of St. Louis led in the invocation.

It will be impossible to give a complete list of the songs or due credit to the many talented performers, but we feel compelled to give a few of the prominent ones, even though subject to severe criticism by omitting the name of many of those quite worthy of praise.

Dr. S. B. Medford, officer of the association, lent his strong, sweet tenor voice to the pleasure of the occasion.

Prof. Chas. Nelson and J. B. Raby rendered valuable assistance at the piano.

The talented Dr. H. Dalton, three sons and daughter-in-law gave remarkable assistance both morning and afternoon. Dr. Dalton is the noted musician of Macon county and the daughter-in-law is considered one of the finest alto singers in this section. Attention given to expression helped greatly to inspire the audience, who expressed their appreciation very heartily. Among the selections they gave were: "Sail On," "Speeding Through the Pearly Gates," "O What Singing," "Bring in the Harvest Today," "Streets of Gold."

Beaverdam rendered quite ably "I Will Sing of My Redeemer," "I Want to Love Him More," "I'm Thinking of My Savior," "Galilee." All very well rendered assisted by a number of ladies who added much by their sweet soprano voices.

Oak Grove also had fine assistance from a number of ladies who added sweetness which greatly pleased the appreciative audience. Mr. J. B. Clark for the able leader.

"Glory By and By" and other songs were heartily applauded.

Brown's Chapel, Macon county gave "Pressing On," "I am Back to Stay" and others well rendered. Asheville boy quartet, "You Must be Right With God" and others that gave evidence of fine professional training. The base was remarkable for clear low tones and the tenor was rich and strong. They gave a number of songs showing rare talent.

The Clyde quartet gave in a very able rendering, "Have You Heard of the Lamb," "Shall Never Grow Old."

Other able musicians should be mentioned and their meritorious contributions.

Mr. Thomas Langford who was not there in the morning is the leading singer of Canton.

In an article of Aug. 17th in the Literary Digest headed "Why We Are Unmarried" by A. F. Davidson, professor of music at Harvard. He states the reason to be lack of high standards, indifference and the too limited attention given to music.

The value of music is expressed by Shakespeare, "The man who has no music in himself nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds is fit for treason, stratagem and spoils." Another has expressed the value of music: "Let me make the songs of a country, I care not who makes the laws."

The three great institutions, Church, Family and State, all value music; and no country can afford to ignore its value upon the rising generation.

We trust that this great convention will arouse the interest in music and that its influence may be extended by all who have been present. May we not look for a continued and more general and perfected development throughout our country? This is the hope of your reporter from St. Louis. A resolution was made to reorganize the Haywood county association.