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BIBLE THOUGHT

The God of heaven, He will prosper us.— NEH. 2:20.

Have you ever stopped to think of just how much beauty the people that do not live in the mountains really miss?

Farm experts told us last week that the snow and cold weather killed most of the bugs and insects that have survived the previous cold weather.

The Rocky Mountains with their towering snow-capped peaks afford little competition to the beauty of these ever-changing mountains of Western North Carolina, especially after a snow.

WAYNESVILLE, THE GATEWAY TO THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Tonight one of the largest civic meetings ever held in Waynesville is scheduled to be held in the banquet hall of the Methodist church. The purpose of this meeting is to get the undivided cooperation of every public spirited citizen of Waynesville to back the three outstanding projects now before the Chamber of Commerce.

The officers of the Chamber of Commerce are to be congratulated for not stepping out and trying to undertake some project that would be an almost impossibility to "put over."

These three achievements are linked hand in hand and if one is put across successfully the others will be much easier to add to the list of accomplishments before many months.

Nature has wonderfully blessed our community, perhaps more than any other city of like size in America, and it seems that even if we lacked civic pride, we would have enough praise in our hearts to our Maker for giving us these unmatched advantages.

In looking over the proposed projects, it seems to us that the most important is making Waynesville the gateway to the park.

The park is our main "special" in this tourist sale, and once we get the public sold on the Park and its beauty, it will be rather easy to sell the public on the other two matters.

What The Mountaineer proposes in this matter, is for every person in this community to work for the same goal, Waynesville The Gateway To The Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

The average citizen will no doubt say, that is a job for the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, to answer all questions and send out information about Waynesville being the gateway to the park.

If we only had the faith of the old maid who lip-sticked her lips and looked under the bed expecting to be kissed.

Everything comes to him who waits. We waited all winter for the snow, we got it. Now let's wait patiently for better times, we'll get them too.

The Mountaineer's mineral selection is continually growing. The latest addition is a pure sheet of mica. The following statement might make some old foggy smile and say the editor is crazy but who knows but what some day Haywood county will be one of the richest mining centers in America?

A stranger dropped in the other day and sarcastically asked if the court house was a new post office. We unexpectedly took him up and replied that it was; explaining that Haywood County was receiving so many orders for apples and other farm products that the government had to build a larger post office to take care of the extra mail.

Perhaps it would be worth while for parents to remind their children that it costs the taxpayers 22c a day to send them to school, and impress them with the fact that they are doing themselves, their parents, and the state an injustice if they fail to make the most of their opportunities.

Twenty-two cents a day for each school child amounts to millions of dollars every year, but then at that price it is one of the best investments a state can make.

The total true wealth of North Carolina is \$1,698,000,000 or \$1,482 per capita, according to an item in the University News Letter. Everybody admits that North Carolina is rich but the individuals that will admit that they have money, are hard to find.

WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF HAYWOOD COUNTY

James F. Barrett, editor and publisher of The Brevard News and Western Carolina Tribune, two of the best weeklies in the mountain region, recently carried an editorial that throws a compliment to Haywood County that many of our own citizens hesitate to admit.

We are reprinting this editorial and would give almost anything we own if every knocker of this county would read it.

Fine Word Comes From Western Carolina Towns

"Reading of exchanges coming to our desk from many towns in Western North Carolina bring cheerful news, indeed. Over at Sylva the bugle sounded and word comes forth that 'business hums' these days, with wider operation of the tanning industry, increases in operations of the paperboard factory, the resumption of operations of the big plants at East La Porte, and elsewhere about Jackson County.

"Down Morganton way one hears the justifiable boast that that city is among those at the top of the list, being given that place by at least three state and federal agencies, as result of good business conditions and satisfactory industrial activity. Lenoir, another of Carolina's best centers, is in enviable place among those cities of continuous business activity and industrial progress.

"W. C. Russ, editor of The Mountaineer, never tires of telling of ever increasing activity in Haywood county, where farming and dairying, fruit growing and the cattle business give constant income to the farming life, while the big industries, like the Champion Fibre company at Canton, the big tannery at Hazelwood, and other industrial activities added to the fine agricultural activity makes of Haywood county one of the very best in all Western North Carolina.

"So from all sections comes word that business is good."

The newspapers and public spirited citizens of this county have tried every way possible to convince some "doubting citizens" that, without a doubt, Haywood County is now enjoying better business than almost any other section of the state.

Every day we hear residents of this county express themselves as being dissatisfied with the conditions here. A similar remark was made recently in the company of a county official who immediately took up the remark and said, "there's dozens of roads leading out of this county if you don't like it, and if you are too lazy to walk and can't afford to ride, I'll buy you a ticket or carry you out myself."

We honestly believe that this method would be a "sure cure" for the dethimental chronic knockers.

In behalf of the loyal citizens of Haywood County, the Mountaineer thanks Editor Barrett for his word of cheer.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Political and Otherwise

The North Carolina 1931 General Assembly did at least two mighty fine pieces of legislating,—turning the road system over to the State and relieving the property of the burden of maintaining the school expenses above 15c. They marred a very fine picture of an ideal system by retaining the 15c ad valorem tax, but the special interests with their high priced lobbyists proved too much for our solons.

The farmer will stand just anything that is put upon him. Not so the manufacturer, or in fact, any other class of people. He will endure a raise in his taxes year after year until he can no longer pay, then he meekly stands by while the sheriff sells his property.

In transferring the schools and the roads to the State, the lawmakers made a drastic salary cut for the teachers and employees, which was right and proper for the period of this depression, or oppression, which it seems to me to be a more proper term. In fact, I believe all on the State payroll had to take a salary cut.

I see the candidates are beginning to announce themselves in the press. They will begin shaking hands soon. Some will have to practice on the pump handle in order to get the muscles back in trim.

The say Bob Hippie will make the race again. Bob is a safe bet when it comes to doing his best for the tax payers. Still there is a lot more needed to be done down at Raleigh next winter.

Prof. Wm. C. Allen has had some very fine articles on the tax situation, and I hope to see more from time to time. Perhaps if he will keep hammering the tax payers will wake up to their danger and demand justice.

There is much being said and discussed about ways and means of reducing taxes. Now the only way to reduce them is to spend less. This simple fact is often overlooked by the tax payer and ignored and denied by tax spenders.

Now these are facts that cannot be denied and to prove the assertion of us look into the expense of the government of our country which has increased from seven and one quarter million in 1911 to four and one quarter billion in 1931.

Now if we were paying four and one quarter billion last year to maintain our government and the people

of the United States are paying according to statistics nine billion in taxes which would amount to 15 and one quarter billion dollars. Add to this ten billion which it costs to maintain the government of our forty eight states and you have a total of twenty three and one fourth billion dollars.

With these facts before us, how long will our Government stand up under such strain? Under these conditions is it any wonder that our people are in the financial condition they are? Did it ever occur to you that the producer has to pay the cost of Government first and the consumer second?

How is this reduction to be brought about? The tax payers will never reform themselves. No chance of that. The more tax money to spend means more jobs to give out; it means more power, more prestige for the tax spender.

The school tax is the biggest we have to pay and from what we hear talked on the streets and throughout the country, there is some need of reform in that line. If that be true, it is the duty of each tax payer to dig into the proceedings of the board of education and county commission-

ers. Look into the claims filed, bill paid, goods bought, service rendered. Only by getting at facts with facts can the tax payer make any progress in reducing the level of taxes paid.

Then determine where and how taxes can be reduced and then demand that they be reduced.

What we need at the present time is men who are real men—men who cannot be swayed by any ring, clique or corporation; men who have proved themselves true to their country in all of its requirements, who have the confidence of their fellow citizens.

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