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FROM WAYNESVILLE TO MANTEO

Last week we made a trip to Manteo, which is on Roanoke Island where the first white people ever set foot on the North American continent, and also the birthplace of Virginia Dare, the first white child born in America.

One of the outstanding traits of the citizens of that coastal country is that every one knows in detail the history of their country from the time the lost colony landed there 349 years ago to this date.

It is quite interesting to learn from Sheriff Victor Meekins, of Dare county, that he has an empty jail, which is not unusual and that his county averages a homicide every ten years.

Sheriff Meekins serves a county which has 85 miles of ocean frontage and also several islands. In some parts of his territory there are sections where there are no automobiles or roads, but according to the crime statistics of that county the people seem to know how to behave themselves.

The 5,000 inhabitants of Dare county depend largely on fishing for their living, while a large number are employed by the government in the coast guard service, which is essential in that part of the Atlantic coast which has become known to seamen as the graveyard of the Atlantic.

Speaking of fishing brings to mind what one fisherman told us down there. He averages catching 500 pounds of fish daily, and eats less than 5 fish a year.

The greatest handicap to that section of the state is toll bridges. Some of the bridges are now owned by the state but a toll is still collected. The longest bridge there is the Wright Memorial Bridge, almost 3 miles long over the sound.

The Wright Memorial is a historical place that is fast becoming known throughout the world. This memorial is a granite monument on top of Kill Devil Hill and marks the place where the first airplane flew.

It might be interesting to the mountaineers of these hills to know that the hill on which this memorial is built has moved over a half a mile from where it was 27 years ago.

Before the government started building the memorial, engineers spent months studying

the best methods to anchor the hill. After some time, a thick mat of grass was planted on the hill and now the winds have no effect on Kill Devil Hill. It cost the government \$60,000 to keep the hill from moving away.

A visit to the eastern part of the state would not be complete without a stop at Edenton, an old city with modern ideas. Edenton does not only live in its past, but also in the future. The lowly peanut which grows in profusion near Edenton has made that city one of the best places from a business standpoint in the state.

Not only do they depend on peanuts, but their watermelons have a ready market up north as well as their cantaloupes.

The crops from Raleigh to the coast are said to be the best that they have had in years. The tobacco crop is exceptionally pretty. The corn is going to make a good yield, while the cotton is far better than the average crop.

One would be led to believe that those people living on the islands, and more or less cut off from the rest of the world until a few years ago, would be indifferent towards strangers, but they are just the opposite.

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is nothing new to folks down "east". They know all about it. While Waynesville is not as well known as it should be, it is easily linked with Lake Junaluska which is on the tip end of every Methodist's tongue, and some other denominations also.

We had to travel 528 miles to get to Manteo. The same mileage would have carried us to seventeen states of the union and the District of Columbia. This goes to show that North Carolina covers a large area which embraces everything from lofty mountain peaks to the rolling Atlantic.

When the politician wants to speak of North Carolina in flowery terms and tries to emphasize its length, he yells forth, "from Manteo to Murphy," and only a few of us comprehend his meaning.

The trip from Waynesville to Manteo will give you an idea of just what he means.

THE DRY LEADER

During the past several weeks the press has come out in the open against Bishop James Cannon, Jr., as leading the dries in the state. The opinion of the press seems to be that Mr. Cannon will do more harm than he will good for the dry side.

The Cleveland Star says: "That near-suppressed chuckle you heard may have been the repealists patting themselves on the back when they heard that Bishop Cannon was coming to North Carolina to fight for the dry cause. The bishop is more than ever a good vote-getter—for the other side."

Right on the heels of that statement, The Polk County News feels that Bishop Cannon, Jr., "will hurt the cause," and under that heading writes:

"We read that Bishop James Cannon, Jr., dry crusader, may be moved into North Carolina to aid in the wet-dry war which is soon to break loose in this state. The 'drys' would do well to think twice before drafting the Bishop for service in the repeal firing line. We do not question his sincerity of purpose, but we do question his effectiveness on this question with the great majority of the American people.

These facts cannot be denied, and if the dry forces hope to carry the election on November 7 they should line up behind a leader who can convince the voters he's worthy of their support.

ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lame Bode

COPPER WORLD—ALTHOUGH THE U.S. LEADS THE WORLD IN COPPER PRODUCTION, IT CONSUMES 60% OF THE COPPER EXPORTED FROM CHILE, SECOND IN PRODUCTION. FLYING HIGHER—AVIATORS, BY BREATHING PURE OXYGEN AND EXPELLING THE NITROGEN IN THEIR BODIES, CAN RISE WITHOUT HARM TO 50,000 FEET. REAL RED CABBAGE—A NEW CABBAGE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED WHICH IS PURE RED, RATHER THAN PURPLE AS THE PRESENT 'RED' CABBAGES.

An Open Mind

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

Should a time-tested idea be questioned? Some students of life's problems emphatically answer, no. They affirm that truth does not change. It is therefore static. Statements which express convictions, made from discoveries in the past are to be accepted as true today.

Does it not seem strange that no real scientist makes so bold a statement? He would not be permitted to retain a chair in our accredited college if he made so audacious a claim in behalf of his specialty. When we close the door to truth we sacrifice the intellectual respect of our associates. Truth is never static. It is always dynamic.

New truth, revealed through the findings of scientific investigation, has done much for the advancement of civilization. We need only refer to the remedies now applied for many of the diseases which in former years were treated as sure forerunners of death.

No person need be afraid of truth. The world is too hungry for reality to permit anyone to stultify the spirit of research. This hunger cannot be satisfied by any attempt to substitute feelings for thoughts, or passing values for facts.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

Under and by virtue of authority contained in a certain deed of trust executed by J. C. Sorrells and wife, to the Citizens National Bank of Raleigh, N. C., Trustee, on the 20th day of July, 1927, recorded in Book 21, Page 121, Registry of Haywood County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby, the undersigned Commissioner of Banks, having succeeded to the rights and duties of the North Carolina Bank and Trust Company, Successor Trustee, will offer for sale, at public auction for cash, in front of the Haywood County Court House door on Monday, August 21st, 1933, at twelve o'clock noon, certain pieces of land lying and being in Haywood County, State of North Carolina, and described as follows:

LETTERS to the Editor

Cove Creek, N. C., July 21, 1933. To the Editor of The Waynesville Mountaineer: I am writing this to ask you to correct some false statements made in your paper of July 20, 1933 in regard to the statements of the State witnesses in the Jenkins case.

You made the statement that Jim Harrell admitted being convicted in federal court of selling liquor which is not true. Jim Harrell has never been convicted of selling liquor and never made any such statement. Jim was convicted of being in possession of whiskey and given a suspended sentence.

One other false statement made is that several of the state witnesses admitted having served sentences in the State prison for various crimes: stealing chickens, automobile, breaking into store, robbing a bee hive, bootlegging, blockading or hauling liquor and that some of them confessed that they had been bootlegging and blockading since they had been convicted.

This statement is false and misleading. Only one of the twenty-one witnesses has ever served a sentence in the State prison and no other witnessed that he had been convicted of stealing. The other convictions were for violation of the prohibition law.

I don't think the public press should make such statements so promiscuously for more than one-half of the witnesses for the State were men and women of excellent character and their past record was not questioned by the defense in this law suit. Signed: JOHN HOWELL.

Editor's Note:—The Mountaineer regret very much that the statements were made and is glad to make this correction.

24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the file of July 30, 1909.) It is reported that our dignified county superintendent of schools, Prof. R. A. Sentelle, was discovered out fox hunting one day last week. Major and Mrs. Hugh A. Love returned Wednesday from Gallion, Ohio where they have been on a visit of two months. One of the most enjoyable occasions of the season was the party given Friday night by Mrs. Charles McDowell at her home on Main street to her guests, Miss Edna Lynch and Miss Mary Sue Ray of Fairview.

22 YEARS AGO IN HAYWOOD

(From the file of August 3, 1911.) Miss Annie Shoobred entertained Tuesday evening with a lawn party in honor of her house guests, Miss Eugenia Agers, of Bristol and Misses Hattie and Esther Wharton, of Cruso. It is acknowledged by everyone that there are more visitors in Waynesville now than ever before in the history of the city. Miss Josephine Gilmer will give a song recital at the Academy hall Tuesday evening. Miss Gilmer possesses a wonderful soprano voice and her recital will be a most delightful treat.

The marriage of Miss Ruth Knight and Mr. Joe Graves which was solemnized Thursday afternoon at the Presbyterian church came as a surprise to their many friends in Waynesville. Mrs. R. L. Allen is entertaining this afternoon with a bridge party in honor of her guest, Miss Cabiness of Macon, Ga.

19.28 poles to a stake; thence South 86 degrees West 12 poles to a stake; thence South 4 degrees West 5.62 poles to a stake; thence South 86 degrees West 11 poles, to center of Crabtree Road; thence with center of said road North 2 degrees 30' West 21.80 poles to the beginning. And being lot No. 11 of the T. C. Dobson survey of the T. N. Bonham land, dated March 7, 1919 as per map of record in map Book A, at page 89, Haywood County records of maps, and being the same land described in a deed from K. O. Carswell and wife to J. C. Sorrells and wife, Sophia Sorrells, by deed dated June 18, 1927, and registered June 23, 1927, in Book 75, Page 168.

Also a part of the lot No. 12 of the above mentioned survey and being same land described in a deed from A. L. Brannon and wife to J. C. Sorrells and wife, Sophia Sorrells, dated October 6, 1924, and registered on the 30th day of December, 1924 in book 66, page 248, Haywood County records of deeds. Dated this 14th day of July, 1933. GURNEY P. HOOD, Commissioner of Banks, on Regulation of North Carolina Bank and Trust Company, Successor Trustee. No. 83—July 27—Aug. 3-1-17.

ALEXANDER'S QUESTION BIRD. Tell me if many good remedies are not made by plants and... Answer: Yes, men simply assist Nature in the making of medicine!

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