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ITS TIME FOR A CHANGE

As plans are being made for the coming season at Lake Junaluska it is a common statement to hear people speak of the better seasons ahead because of the Park. That is splendid, and a point that we should be constantly thinking about in order to sell ourselves on the idea that the Park will mean everything to this community.

But we shudder at these remarks when we stop and consider the fact that we have not taken advantage of another outstanding asset that is "within our gates"—Lake Junaluska.

It is needless to say that Lake Junaluska is the most known throughout the South and the North than is the city of Waynesville, and yet very little is being done by Waynesville to take advantage of this opportunity.

Last year the season at the Lake was a success in every sense of the word, but this success was not due to any part that Waynesville played. The credit goes to Mr. James Atkins and his co-workers.

And it seems to this paper that if the people of this community continue to show lack of interest in the Lake, that they will probably find the same when the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is developed.

This editorial is being written because of our general observations, and our knowledge of the facts, and is not sponsored by anyone.

The matter might well be summed up in these few words. Lake Junaluska can get along and have successful seasons without the aid of Waynesville; but Waynesville's successful seasons depend on Lake Junaluska.

We firmly believe in looking ahead and making plans for the future, but in doing so we don't feel that it is good judgment to ignore the assets we have at hand.

A CAPABLE LEADER

The Waynesville Chamber of Commerce, under the direction of President C. E. Ray, Jr., is destined to carry on a program this year that will result in another year of accomplishments for the organization.

The new president is familiar with the workings of the organization inasmuch as he was frequently consulted last year, and was in close touch with his brother J. Wilford Ray who brought the organization from a non-functioning organization to the most active one in years during his term as president last year.

We believe that President Ray is assuming office at a time when there is more optimism in the community than there has been in several years, and we feel that the desire to co-operate with him and the other officials in order to make this a banner year is the utmost in every civic-minded person's mind of this community.

Mr. Ray is well qualified for the place to which he has been elected, and he merits the undivided support of every individual.

A BIG HELP TO THE COMMUNITY

One of the most far-sighted men of the community is J. M. Long.

He is today investing over six thousand dollars on the golf course and club house, and he knows that if he gets interest on this investment that he will have done well from a financial standpoint. He does, however, have hopes of making money from the golf course in the years to come, but that is an unceertainty

It is men like Mr. Long who make it possible for tourist to enjoy their vacations in our community, and we should appreciate the part he is contributing to the community's growth.

NO FAIR IS BETTER THAN A CARNIVAL-SPONSORED ONE

According to a news article published on the front page of this paper recently, it was stated that plans are underway for another county fair this fall.

Just how far along these plans have been developed is not known, but it is our belief that if a county fair is to be developed to the point of where it will be of some educational value to the community that a drastic change will have to be made from last year's set-up.

We readily realize that it was a matter of time last year that prevented a complete county fair, but it is doubtful if co-operation on the part of business men will be good this year unless they are shown that there will be more fair and less carnival.

To restore the old county fair spirit where an educational atmosphere would hold sway would meet with the approval of everyone. But to attempt to stage a fair where the carnival owners, fan dancers and gamblers are the sole benefactors would meet with scorn from many citizens of the county.

A carnival-sponsored fair won't accomplish the purposes that a county fair was ever intended.

THE WETS AND DRYS AT IT AGAIN

Again North Carolinians are talking about prohibition, and discussing whether or not the state should have liquor stores and control the sale of liquor.

Those favoring state-controlled stores believe that the revenue derived would be sufficient to take care of charity cases. Those opposing the measure are putting up the much discussed arguments about the evils of liquor, and that at present it is harder to get than if it were legalized, and not near as tempting, especially to the young people.

It looks as if the wets are trying to bring the issue to a head via the increased revenue derived; and because of the fact that the people are already over-taxed some of the once ardent drys seem to have left the dry ranks and drifted towards the other side, which indicates that the wets are driving home their message better than the drys.

THE TOWNSEND PLAN

The Townsend plan, $200 a month to everybody sixty years of age, is solemnly discussed by congress, when ought to be passing a sound, reasonable, old-age pension now. The Townsend plan is interesting in many ways. By taxation on every transaction, on producer, jobber, wholesaler, retailer, manufacturer, buyer, it would practically absorb all available money to turn it over to deserving, or otherwise, persons, aged sixty. It would soon become necessary for some other Townsend to organize a $200 a month plan for all paupers. There would soon be twice as many paupers as there are people sixty years old.

Benjamin Franklin, supposed to have some brains, would learn with surprise about that Townsend plan, arranged to promote extravagence and waste, saying to each sixty-year-old person:

"You will get two hundred dollars every month, and you must spend it immediately, within the month. No, you may not save some of it to help your grandson through college, or to provide for your granddaughter in her next childbirth.

That plan to provide automotically for national improverishment, substituting silly, senile spending on a gigantic scale for old fashioned thrift, is actually discussed by the Congress of the United States, and millions of Americans favor the idiocy.

No wonder we drift into depression and have millions idle.

Angels above must smile sadly considering what has been given to the American people, and what a muddle they make of it.—Arthur Brisbane.

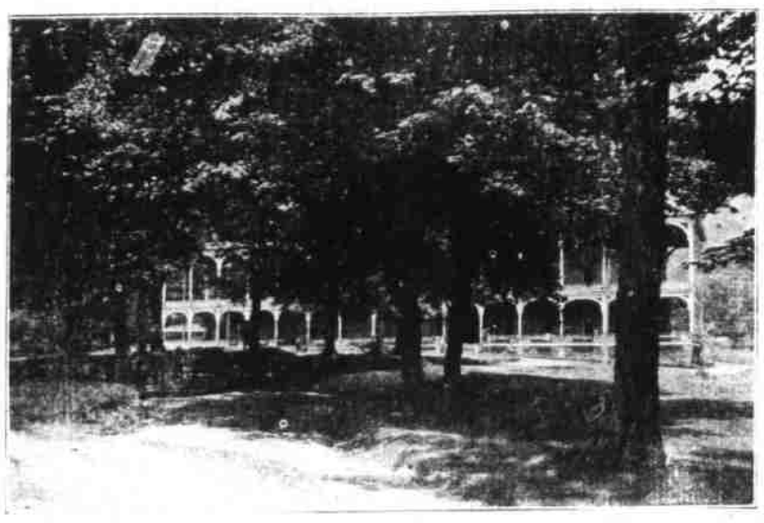
THE ONLY WAY LEFT

Present indications are that the Waynesville Library, like all other leading libraries throughout the country, will have to become a publicly operated institution before there will ever be much hope for it remaining open the year'round.

Just what that would involve on the part of officials cannot be stated at this time, but we believe that any reasonable plan would meet with their approval.

The coming spring will be a good time for those people who have been planning to beautify their premises for the past ten years to make a start.

Looking Back Over The Years



The above is a picture of the famous old Sulphur Springs Hotel. This was in the center of tourist activities in this community.

Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

On the highway from Canton to Bethel there is an old abandoned chassis of a model T Ford with V-8 painted on it in large letter. To see it is much funnier than telling about it.

Down in Alabama the story is told of a negro who washed cars at a garage 72 hours a week for $5. After the NRA changed his hours to 40 hours and raised his pay to $12 a week, he asked his boss: "How comes you pays me like dat?"

"Oh, that's be cause of the NRA" the manager replied.

"Well who elected this Nigger Recovery Association, anyway?"

Out in Hazelwood the town board last week took up the matter of a noisy winter was a rambunctious affair, and found to the embarrassment that 34—yes that's right, thirty-four—people were living in the house.

For a night at night an ordinary lamp wick was stuck down the throat of a gas-wine filled with oil.

It looks like the column another is fully stocked up for more than one week, it must meet the fact that a certain church official was a hooker-on at a crap game at Virginia Beach one morning several weeks ago. I know of two people who wonder if they were the ones referred to in the funny part they were not—in fact, neither of them was a resident at the only game our chief informer attended. Now my curiosity is aroused by wanting to know just how many games were in progress at that hour that particular morning.

Last week the general manager of my abiding place took on to herself an attack of flu. As the result I endeavored to carry on the best I could, with timely advice and instructions from the sick room. And if I do say so things went along nicely until I volunteered to cut up a chicken. I had seen the operation performed so many times it looked simple—and when I say cut up a chicken I cut it up. After the wholesale butchering on my part I could only find half of the wish bone, no back, one and one-third thighs, plenty of neck and I believe three wings. Either I made a mistake somewhere on the job, or the butcher sold me a deformed fowl. I'm inclined to lean towards the latter, however.

Anyway, we had chicken, but no choice as to the pieces. The boss cooked the meal so it was at least tasty.

Paul Hardin, Jr., the man who presides behind the Methodist pulpit, just passed and it is the first time I ever noticed it, but he is almost an exact image of Senator Ralph Rampsey—that's a compliment to either, they're both prince of fellows.

A typewriter salesman tried to sell me a new machine this week, because, he said: "The one you have looks as if it will fall to pieces any minute."

Brother, that's just why I like it. I can let my thoughts fall on the machine and it does the rest without any physical output on my part, see?

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Zeb Parton to Nell Medford, both of Cove Creek.

Dane Sutton of Mt. Sterling to Ethel Phillips.

Real Estate Transfers

Beaverdam Township

George H. Ward to Cyril Sheppard.

W. R. Smith et ux to R. A. Crowell.

J. W. Franklin to W. D. Harkins.

Clyde Township

R. C. Putnam, et ux, to Call Wise.

Jonathan's Creek Township

L. H. Burgess to Marion Green.

Waynesville Township

Dewey Norman to Henry Norman.

Frank McDaniel to John M. Queen.

Income Tax Man To Be Here 11th

Those here who were fortunate enough to have a net income of $1,000 or over, or a gross income of $5,000 or over and are single; or if married and have a net income of $2,500 or gross income of $5,000 or over, can get assistance in making out their annual income blanks by a government expert here March 11th.

All returns must be in on or before March 15, 1935, it was said in the official notices sent out this week.

BIG BRANCH HONOR ROLL

The following students of the Big Branch school made the honor roll for January:

First grade: Pauline Caldwell, Mazie Kinsland, Avalin Gillet, Jack Smith.

Third grade: Charlie Massie, Ruth Kinsland, Ruby Langford, Louise Kinsland.

Fifth grade: Lucile Bishop, Effie Smith.

Sixth grade: Ruby Massie.

Seventh grade: Eva Bishop, Francis Bishop, Annie Belle Bishop, Ethel Caldwell, and Paul Sanford.

Prescott Claims First Rodeo

Prescott, Ariz.—Cattle to the field the first public rodeo ever held here nearly 50 years ago.

"CHILDHOOD TRAGEDIES"

First painting in a new series by Norman Rockwell, creator of "Skippy," reproduced in full colors in the American Weekly Magazine, issue of February 17. Get your copy of the American Weekly regularly with the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN. On sale by your favorite newsdealer or newsboy.

"Full Feeling" After Meals

Here is how Thedford's Black-Draught proved helpful to Mr. Archie W. Brown, of Fort Green, Fla.: "I have taken Black-Draught when I have felt dull from over-eating or eating too hurriedly," he writes. "Small doses right after meals rid me of gases and heavy feeling. I am a great believer in Black-Draught."

Thedford's BLACK-DRAUGHT
Purely Vegetable Laxative
"CHILDREN LIKE THE SYRUP"

24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the files of [illegible])

Hon. W. T. Lee [illegible] from Raleigh and [illegible] here for a few [illegible]

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. [illegible] turned after a [illegible] Baltimore.

Mrs Sneed Adams [illegible] ville were the guests [illegible] town this week.

Miss Edith Williams [illegible] in Waynesville for [illegible] on Monday for a [illegible] in Newberry, S. C. [illegible] to her home in S[illegible]

Miss Margaret A[illegible] returned home after a [illegible] weeks to friends here.

Miss Carrie King [illegible] tessee is the guest of [illegible]

Miss Lula Ferguson [illegible] was the guest of friends [illegible] Wednesday.

Mrs. Grace Bowles [illegible] Friendly Dozen met [illegible] their regular meeting [illegible] afternoon at her home [illegible] street.

Miss Carrie Sue A[illegible] tess to the Sew So Cl[illegible] afternoon. Her guests were [illegible] C. Plott, Miss Nanette [illegible] Sattertwait, Jessie M[illegible] ginia Jones.

The reception given [illegible] the Episcopal church [illegible] House Thursday evening [illegible] delightful occasion. [illegible] of Rev and Mrs. K[illegible] ceiving line were Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] bred, and Rev. and Mrs. Kan[illegible] musical program was given [illegible] ferent guests present [illegible] supper was served. Only members of the Parish were present.

T. N. Massie's store was [illegible] into last Friday night and [illegible] $150.00 and $200.00 worth of [illegible] chandise was stolen. The [illegible] climbed on top of the one-story building occupied by the Waynesville Produce Company and by means of a ladder made their entrance [illegible] Massie's store through an upper window. Ten cases of [illegible] twenty pairs of shoes, [illegible] socks and various other things were taken. The police are [illegible] no clue to the guilty parties.

This paper indeed regrets that New Orleans loses the Panama Exposition. It is most unfortunate [illegible] for more than one-fourths of the people in the United States to go to San Francisco [illegible] exposition as is known [illegible] 1915 to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal.

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