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## HATS OFF TO WAYNESVILLE

Asheville newspaper people were proud of the way in which the people of Waynesville, aided by Canton and Clyde and Lake Junaluska and Hazelwood, by Bryson City and Sylva and the Cherokee Indians at the Reservation, entertained the North Carolina Press Association during the past week. We do not think that a better job of this kind has been done in North Carolina; and the spirit with which Waynesville and her neighbors entered into the task of making the press convention a success was impressive.

What stood out significantly was the realization on the part of Waynesville and her sister communities that they stand at the very entrance of the great park and that this is opening up for them new and larger opportunities than any they have had in the past. Their hospitality to the newspaper people of the State was obviously genuine, motivated primarily by the sincere desire that their guests should enjoy themselves. But it was a hospitality that was admirably organized, a hospitality that revealed in the hosts a fine and vigorous community cooperation, a hospitality that exemplified a thought-awareness of the new and larger role which their immediate region is now to play in making Western North Carolina one of the commanding recreational centers of the nation.

Here in the mountain country we have dreamed of the Smoky Mountains National Park for so many years, and have followed its creation so anxiously as to details, that it is not easy for most of us to realize that at last the day is close at hand when the dream will have been brought to fulfillment, and on a grander scale than any one visioned forty years ago, or ten years ago. At Waynesville it is evident that the picture of what is about to be is unfolded itself to the appreciation of the citizens of that community. That is as it should be. The opportunities of Western North Carolina as a resort region are in process of tremendous expansion. This will involve new responsibilities and Waynesville has shown that it is prepared to meet those responsibilities.—Asheville Citizen-Times.

## "DRUNKEN MOTORISTS MURDERERS"

This week we heard of a man who refused to buy an automobile because he could not stay sober. While he did not drink all the time, he would occasionally take on more than he could get by with, and he was afraid that if he had a car he would sometimes while drunk, get under the wheel and either kill himself or someone else.

This incident came right along with the news from New York, that Supreme Court Justice William H. Black charged reckless and drunken drivers as being "murderers at heart." His statement came during a trial in which judgments totaling \$25,000 were assessed against a motorist whose automobile was involved in an accident in which one man was killed and several men seriously injured.

A whisky bottle was said to have been found in the automobile and court testimony was to the effect that the driver had been drinking.

"In these days of callous and reckless disregard for human life," Judge Black said, "the court is moved to remark that, at least as far as his victims are concerned, the man who drives a car while he is under the influence of liquor or who disregards the most obvious traffic signals and who 'hogs' a highway at early morning when there is no traffic in sight; who drives on the wrong side of the road; who fails to give the right of way to the car coming from his right, or who gambles on his mistaken ability to get by, with any sort of foolish driving is every whit as much a murderer at heart as a man who kills with knife or firearm."

## PRESS MEETING TERMED A SUCCESS

The summer meeting of the North Carolina Press Association ended in Waynesville Saturday at noon. Praises for the manner in which the members were entertained and treated while here continued to arrive on every mail. The members of the press went away well pleased.

The meeting just held had the largest attendance of any regular summer meeting during the 64 years the association has been organized. Some of the older members reported it the best they ever attended.

No one individual, or any one committee or group can rightly claim credit for the success of the meeting. The entire community co-operated as near perfectly as it was humanly possible. Every one had a feeling that they could not do enough for the visitors, and as a result, Waynesville and community are being lauded to the skies for their hospitality.

Without question, the meeting of the North Carolina Press in Waynesville, was the largest single event to take place in this community in many years. More publicity has gone out about the meeting than on any other one event.

More high ranking officials were brought here for the Press meeting than have assembled here at any other three gatherings. Such people as Arno B. Cammerer, director of all national parks; governor-elect, Clyde R. Hoey; Senator Robert Reynolds; Senator William Smathers; Col. and Mrs. Lindsey, former national commander of the American Legion; and Mrs. E. L. McKee, Democratic nominee for the state senate from this district.

With one or two exceptions, every large paper in the state was represented in person, and scores of the smaller dailies and weekly publishers were here.

The outstanding event of the entire meeting was the explanation by Mr. Cammerer about the Park, and this followed by a trip into the park by the publishers the next day.

Few of the visiting publishers had ever been in the park area before. They had but little conception of what it was like, and naturally they were not prepared to write about such an unknown subject. Now they have had first hand information, and can inform their readers of the section of the state that is destined to become the playground of the South.

The suggestion was made by one member of the association that Waynesville enter a bid to become the regular summer meeting place of the Press group. While that is an idea, it will not likely be worked out.

In looking back over the three days, the only thing that was neglected was that of having the publisher from Murphy and the publisher from Manteo shake hands in a public meeting. The publishers from the extreme ends of the state were here, as were about 185 from the "in-between points."

## SAVE JUNALUSKA

The appeal of Methodists to save Junaluska from the burden of its debt comes appropriately at a time when the excellencies of this summer church retreat are most apparent.

"Look unto the hills, whence cometh our strength," wrote the psalmist. In the great religious centers of the mountains, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians have laid out for purposes beyond the narrow considerations of denominations, summer assembly grounds where clergy and religious-minded laymen may meet and may gather each summer fresh inspiration in their propagation of the gospel of the good life.

From purely selfish State considerations, these assembly grounds are of vital importance to North Carolina. Through them thousands of people are brought into North Carolina each year, and by them North Carolina has become favorably known to those who otherwise might have identified it only as a colored area on a big map.

The appeal of Junaluska, therefore, is an appeal to the whole State without respect to denominational affiliation.

Not only would its loss represent a distinct humiliation and a reverse to progressive church work in North Carolina, its sacrifice would deprive North Carolina of an important economic asset.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Speaking of court houses, the Haywood County temple of justice is just about the most ornate, well-appointed, clean and altogether pleasing edifice that we have been in. The North Carolina Press Association held its business sessions in the court room which was immaculate. There were no cuspidors to stumble over, and not a single tobacco juice stain to be seen on the walls, in the corners or on the floors. Lawyers, as well as jurors and the assemblage of citizens who generally look on at court sessions, manifestly think a lot of the new building, and are doing their part to keep it clean and attractive.—Kinston Daily Free Press.

## THE OLD HOME TOWN

by STANLEY



## Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

I have waited until the editorial page is ready for press before starting on the ordeal this week of getting up a column. After running around with about 200 newspaper folks for over three days, it would seem that copy and subjects should be plentiful, but they are not.

Not only were there plenty of newspaper folks here last week, but did you ever see such a list of dignitaries at one banquet in a small town as were there last Friday night—Clyde Hoey, Robert Reynolds, William Smathers, Mrs. E. L. McKee and Col. and Mrs. Lindsey, of Texas, besides notables of the press, and others.

I heard some people remark that they get nervous even thinking about talking to people of high standing in state and national affairs. That is all a mistake. The bigger a man, the easier he is to talk to. It is the small fry who want to appear to be big that are hard to carry on a conversation with.

A person who is really someone will not try to impress on you his "bigness," but those who are not much of anything have to spread it on themselves and pretend to be big.

I was much surprised to learn that several editor friends take time out to read this column weekly. One in particular, Editor R. P. Sulte, of Newport, recalled the time I penned the episode of a three-point landing I made after losing my footing on an icy street. And I would almost be willing to try the same stunt again this week if I could find that much ice, Mr. Sulte.

And everywhere I went Friday someone mentioned the talk that representative-elect J. E. Cane made Thursday evening when presenting the special token to the press president. Mr. Cane admitted afterwards that he was a bit sick, but he never let on that he was at the meeting. He brought the house down with his native wit.

A certain paper salesman from a wet county continued to brag about the brand of liquor he had back home, and after so much of it, a certain local man could stand it no longer, so he took the salesman out and gave him an over-dose of Haywood dew. The salesman quickly passed out and the next day admitted that the best stuff in his county would be considered rotten here.

And by the way of news, this one salesman was the only person to get high. Now beat that for a convention.

Just outside the window at the Hotel Gordon there is a robin's nest, with two little birds in it, and every day when the mother bird fed her youngsters, the scene created quite a bit of comment.

The wood novelty souvenirs given to members of the press brought about as many questions as did the view from Newfound Gap. Some of the members of the group just could not understand how ten and twelve different pieces of wood could be stuck together and made into all sorts of useful pieces.

One member said that at the average convention, everyone was scheming some way to get your money, but in Waynesville no one but the bell boy would take money.

Another member of the group was at a total loss to understand how we mountaineers ever learned to drive around curves, and stay on the right side of the road. No explanation was given that some had not learned to stay on their side.

U. S. RUSSIAN TREATY RENEWED  
 The United States and Soviet Russia have renewed the trade pact for a period of one year, under which Russian purchases in the United States rose \$12,000,000 a year to over \$35,000,000 a year.

## LETTERS to the Editor

W. Curtis Russ, editor

The Mountaineer, Waynesville, N. C.

You people are great hosts. We enjoyed every minute of our stay there. My only regret was that I could not remain through the session.

I think Waynesville is one of the most delightful places in the mountains. Meals were good and your people are so cordial and friendly.

I don't know any place I would rather go to live if I ever retire from Shelby, than in Waynesville.

With kind regards, I am  
 Fraternally  
 LEE WEATHERS,  
 Editor-publisher  
 The Cleveland Star,  
 Shelby, N. C., July 11, 1936.

W. Curtis Russ, editor,

The Mountaineer,

I told you before leaving Waynesville what a good time I had had while attending the Press Association meet—and again, I reiterate—there has never been any meeting of any sort that I have attended which could come within a mile of the press meeting.

C. M. DOUGLAS, Editor,  
 The Transylvania Times  
 Brevard, N. C., July 13, 1936.

## BEST MEETING IN 25 YEARS

W. C. Russ, editor,

The Mountaineer,

Mrs. Story and I regret not being able to remain over for the Saturday morning session of the press meeting. We both were unanimous in pronouncing this the most enjoyable and

## 23 Years Ago in Haywood

(From the files of July 4, 1913)

Miss Winifred Swift spent Wednesday in Asheville.

Mr. Will Cobe was in Asheville for the day on Sunday.

Miss Lucile and Miss Margaret Blackwell left this week for Danville, Va., where they will visit relatives.

Miss Georgia Miller left yesterday for Salisbury, N. C., where she will visit Miss Marie Hardin.

Lieut. W. H. Lee, of Charleston Navy Yard, is expected home today and will be the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lee.

Miss Rebecca Boyd, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Boyd, left Sunday for Asheville.

Mrs. George Niles and her little daughter, Fannie Willis, left for her home in Griffin, Ga., after visiting relatives.

Mr. Beal H. Siler, who has been the guest of his cousin, Miss Hattie Siler, for the past week, left Monday for Asheville.

Yesterday evening Miss Lillian Allen entertained with a "Declaration of Independence" party, complimentary to Miss Olive King, of Raleigh and Miss Fannie Webb, of Oxford, who are her house guests. About fifty invitations were issued.

Yesterday Miss Clarine Lee entertained with an auction bridge in honor of Misses Caroline Thomas and Miss Lillie Satterthwait. About thirty-six were present.

Our folks are so accustomed to cool breezes, that when the temperature starts upward, they simply get flustered.

About twenty thousand veterans from both armies are camped this week at Gettysburg, in fraternal reunion, with the blue and grey mingled under the Stars and Stripes and the Stars and Bars.

It is worthy of note that last Monday was the first time in twelve months that there was nothing going on in the police court. There was not a single case brought before the court. No arrests had been made for the week. Only two have been made so far this week, which is indeed a matter for rejoicing.

Marshall-News Record,  
 Marshall, N. C., July 1936.

In my 25 years experience, I have had some good times, but we do not recall ever attending one where there was a finer spirit. You people up there know how to make us have a good time and you did it. Regardless of the hot weather, which, of course, no one could foretell or prevent, we shall continue to look back upon that occasion with keen delight.

Yours truly,  
 H. L. STORY,  
 Editor-publisher.

## "DIGESTION GOES ALONG SMOOTHLY"



JOHNNY FARRELL (left) says: "Smoking Camels during and after meals is a great aid to my digestion. Enjoy Camels steadily! They never get on your nerves."



FIRE-CHIEF FRANK GILLIAR says: "My digestion goes along smoothly when I smoke Camels. Camels increase the flow of digestive fluids—alkaline digestive fluids."

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## Rockefeller's Rules Of Health

One of John D. Rockefeller's "Ten Rules of Health" recently published in the newspapers, reads as follows:

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