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RECOGNITION OF THE PARK

It is interesting to know that the Department of Commerce in Washington, in their weekly business survey sheets, made mention of travel in the Great Smoky Mountains Park for Labor Day.

These surveys are official, and accurate. The Smoky Mountains Park was the only Park mentioned in the survey.

Such recognition of the Park by a government agency, in such an encouraging manner, should do much to create optimism to a much higher degree.

HOW ABOUT A HAT EATING CONTEST?

The headlines on the front page of this paper last week announcing that Haywood County was receiving \$39,000 from the tax suit which was instituted a year ago, was nothing short of startling news to many readers.

The board of commissioners on several occasions was criticized severely for spending money for an audit of the 1931, and 1932 tax books, and employing lawyers to file the suit.

The matter is settled. The county has the money—and that is all they wanted. The taxpayers are not out anything, because the costs in the suit have been paid by the bonding companies.

THE NEW STADIUM

The Township Stadium at the high school will be dedicated Friday afternoon just prior to the Waynesville-Sylva football game. The stadium is a credit to this community.

The stadium cost about \$8,000 and will seat over 1,500 people. This was a WPA project.

The addition of the stadium to the high school plant will mean an increase in attendance at football games, and certainly a coach like Mr. Weatherby deserves a large attendance.

Not only have his teams been winners, but they have been clean, sporty teams, and certainly that is something every citizen should appreciate—yes, appreciate to the point of attending the games—in the new and comfortable stadium.

COPING WITH CRIMINALS

The record of law enforcement and apprehension of law breakers by the Federal Department of Justice, under J. Edgar Hoover, is deserving of commendation by every lover of justice. This organization has convicted 3,905 persons or 94.35 per cent of the cases that went to trial.

MR. ROOSEVELT AND THE PARK

From the day he took office, President Roosevelt has taken a keen interest in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He has already done much for the development of the park in a direct way, and also in a number of indirect ways.

Since Mr. Roosevelt has made a personal trip into the Park, and has gotten first hand information, it stands to reason that he will now be even more interested than in the past.

The lone fact that \$750,000 must be found somewhere to purchase additional land for the completion of the park is no small item—and certainly one of much significance.

Then there is another item that has not been cleared in every detail—at least to the point where actual construction has started on this end of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

His remarks about his pleasant trip into the Park, together with his statements that millions would soon be coming to this section, are encouraging to the point that many heretofore skeptics will begin to believe that the Park is more far-reaching than just to people right here in Western North Carolina.

The visit of Mr. Roosevelt into the Park was itself proof enough that it is of national importance, and brings to a fitting climax the visit of Arno B. Cammerer, director of all National Parks here in July when he spoke before the North Carolina Press Association, and pointed out that \$750,000 was still needed to complete the park.

Things have at least boiled down to this point—Mr. Cammerer has presented his position on the park in a clear and concise manner. Everyone knows just what is needed to complete the park before acceptance by the government.

Putting two and two together, we feel that Mr. Roosevelt will see to it that the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is completed within "short order."

IT'S FUNNY ONLY ONCE!

To all those who want to qualify as the life of the party, who wish to be known as droll fellows, irrepressible clowns, or mad wags, who are anxious to fascinate mixed audiences with the paperlike quality of their wit—the following words of advice, presented by Robert E. Sherwood in the Rotarian Magazine, are offered:

"Don't ever start off any story with the introduction, 'It seems—'."

"Don't ever confess that you are 'reminded of an anecdote—'."

"Don't ever explain beforehand that the joke you are about to tell is funny. That is a contention which is always extremely hard to prove."

"Don't ever repeat a nifty that you heard in a musical revue. Its presence there is a guarantee of its age."

"Don't ever tell dialect stories."

"Don't ever assume that a joke which has been told effectively by Irvin S. Cobb will sound funny when recounted by you. A man's joke, like his toothbrush, is his own exclusive property."

"Don't ever follow a humorous climax by digging your victim in the ribs."

"And above all things—"

"Don't ever preface your remarks with 'Stop me if you've heard this one'. It is an utter waste of words: (a) because the chances are 100 to 1 that your listeners have heard that one, and (b) because they all know perfectly well that it would be useless for them to say so. The persistent joke-teller will never be stopped by anything short of a millennium."

ON OUR WAY

W. A. Thompson was sentenced to 18 months on the Guilford County farms for assault on a female. But Trial Judge E. Earle Rivers has since discovered that Thompson was suffering from high blood pressure when he assaulted aforesaid female.

THE OLD HOME TOWN by STANLEY



THE PORTER AT THE CENTRAL HOTEL. LATE TODAY, CLOSED UP HIS SHOES CLEANING DEPARTMENT AND HURRIEDLY LEFT TOWN.

Random SIDE-GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Recently heard a person say that they joined any and everything—that they belonged to every type of organization—being a natural born "joiner."

That is the way with some people—get drafted into everything that is coming and going, and many times "forced to join" whether or not, I honestly believe newspaper people are asked to join more things than any other one group.

Dr. R. P. Walker on his return from a two-week's stay in Charleston, gets quite a kick out of telling the yarn about the pastor who visited a member of his church who was stone deaf.

Dr. Walker also picked up a true story in Columbia on his return about the Baptist preacher. It seems that the trees in front of the Baptist church were the only ones to die during the recent drought.

A number of yarus got out last week after Mr. Roosevelt had passed through Waynesville. Howell McCracken came forth with the fact that he saw two presidents on Wednesday—the present one and the next one.

As best as I can find out, Henry Gaddy made the remark after all the cars on Main street had been removed that it looked like "Hoover Days" when people were too poor to have cars.

There were doubtless dozens of other remarks that brought forth smiles, but I haven't run into them yet.

An interesting thing to do is to watch trains shift back and forth—that is if you are not on them when they are shifting. I can't understand how train crews talk with just waving their arms 'round. It seems they all give the same wave for everything, thus leaving it up to the engineer to read their minds.

The other day a freight with two engines came through each engineer received orders, as did the conductor in the caboose. Within a few minutes the train had stopped, a switchman was throwing a switch and the freight had side tracked and a passenger train was rolling by.

Last Friday at Rotary, I ate by a man from Switzerland, and later in the program heard a man from Mexico tell of some of the old Spanish customs of our southern neighboring country. It was about the best description I've heard of Mexico, and I've heard several.

Right now I'm going out to pick a bunch of goldenrods to put on Uncle Abe's desk for his hay fever, unless he throws that smelly cigar out the window.

23 Years Ago in Haywood

(From the files of Sept. 5, 1913.)

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bridges and family, of Greenville, S. C., are visiting friends and relatives about town this week.

Miss Helen Briggs left Tuesday for Morristown, Tenn., where she will visit Miss Fay Grisby.

Miss Marie Harden, of Salisbury, arrived yesterday and is the guest of Miss Georgia Miller.

Misses Robena, Evonia and Maude Howell spent Monday visiting friends in Canton.

Mrs. William Dale, of Columbia, Tenn., arrived this week and is the guest of her parents.

Miss Janie Love Sexton, who has been spending the summer at Sunburst, has returned home.

Mr. Fred Howell returned on Monday from a business trip to Savannah, Ga.

Miss Annie and Miss Mary Shoobred spent Tuesday in Asheville.

Miss Sadie Luck, of Sylva, was the guest yesterday of Miss Hattie Siler.

Waynesville could establish a reputation as a winter resort, if it would take the trouble to do so.

The Saturday Evening Post refers to Hendersonville as a village near Asheville, which is one way to secure fame.

"This will be a big town in two years," said a high official of the Southern Railway, who was here the other day and he spoke as if he knew what he was talking about.

Some of these days somebody is going to build a great tourist hotel in Waynesville, that will bear the same relation to this town as Grove Park Inn does to Asheville, and it will not be so long either.

One of the cleverest pieces of advertising matter ever prepared with regard to Waynesville was the "Waynesville Herald," the special twelve

MARRIAGES

(As Recorded to Monday Noon of This Week)

James Lloyd Shelton, of Waynesville, N. C., to Lillie McMahan, of Swain County, both of Canton.

Eula Howard, of Canton, to L. L. Rogers, of Enka.

Claude Buchanan, of Canton, to Bessie Shuler, of Waynesville.

Claude Warren to Geneva Brown, both of Canton.

CORRECTION

In a recent issue of The Mountaineer, the marriage of Edward Moody to Masie Mull was recorded. It should have read: Edward Moody to Marie Mull.

We regret the error, and would like to make this correction.

30 GREAT COMICS

The world's greatest comic—always 30, sometimes more, but never fewer, will be found in The BALTIMORE AMERICAN every Sunday. Keep smiling by reading The Baltimore American Great Comics on sale by all newsdealers.

page magazine issued by the Partridge-Neville Co., of Huntingdon, Va., as a booster for the auction sale of Grand View.

The severe electric storm that swept up suddenly late Tuesday afternoon did considerable damage, the lightning striking in a number of places near town. Two horses were killed in the yard of K. Howell near town, and the chimney of the home of Mrs. DeLong was struck and demolished.

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