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THE FIVE AMENDMENTS

In the heat of the presidential campaign, most voters seem to have lost sight of the fact that five proposed amendments to the state constitution, all of them important, will be submitted to them on November 3rd.

The amendments are:

1. "For Amendment to the judicial section of the constitution." If passed, this will enable the legislature to increase the number of judges of the State Supreme Court from five to seven, and allow the court to sit in divisions.

2. "For exemption from taxation of homes to the value of \$1,000." This amendment authorizes the legislature to grant exemption from \$100 to \$1,000 on a man's home.

3. "For classification of property." In this amendment the legislature would be given the right to classify property, and to levy taxes at different rates.

4. "For increasing limitation of income tax to ten per cent." This speaks for itself, and even the higher bracket incomes cannot say that it is an effort to "soak the rich."

5. "For limitation upon the increase of public debt." The fifth and last amendment would forbid the cities, counties and state from making more than two dollars of new debt for each three dollars of old debt paid off.

There are the five amendments which the voters will face on November 3rd. Give them serious thought, and then vote the way you believe will benefit the state and your community most.—Ex.

We respect any man or woman who is loyal to any political organization, but when they refuse to respect the right of opinion of others who might have a different slant on such matters, it is then that we doubt his sincerity of their own faith.

A lot of talk is making the rounds about the "baby derby" in Canada, but Americans cannot say too much, for right here in the south—Kentucky for example, at a town named Jenkins, there is a coal miner-farmer named Oaker Vanhoose who is only 44, and his wife not yet 27, and they have 20 children.

"PAID IN FULL"

Lake Junaluska is now cleared of all debts, and is the property of Southern Methodists. The titles have been put on record, and the debt paid off in full.

The reproduction of a picture of the check which was used in paying off the \$100,000 debt, is printed on the front page of this issue, not only as proof that the debt was paid, but to give an idea of how a \$100,000 check looks.

This community is proud of the work done by the Methodists in clearing this property of debt. They have done a good job and deserve a lot of credit for carrying on even when things looked dark.

Lake Junaluska is now launching out into a new era.

Since the burden of debt has been lifted, we look for bigger things from the Assembly Grounds, although the programs rendered during the past few years have been a credit to those in charge.

WHAT IS WHAT?

If national elections don't do anything else, we are of the opinion that they do cause some people to think that otherwise might go on forever taking the opinions of others, whether right or wrong.

In this campaign, as in all campaigns, there are many absurd claims being made. Some might be right, and others seem to be far from the truth, while the average voter who claims no party affiliation stands by just wondering what it is all about.

Now take the question of better times.

The Democrats claim and quote figures to prove that President Roosevelt is responsible for better times.

The Republicans come along and say that better times would have come regardless of Mr. Roosevelt's policies.

And behind both of the major political parties comes the pessimist who denies that times are better than they were in 1930 or 1931.

So there you are.

PROUD OF AMERICA'S RECORD

"We have a right to be proud of the way the American people have come through this seven-year testing time," says the Country Preacher, as quoted in an editorial by Dr. Clarence Poe in The Progressive Farmer, and adds further:—

"Most folks in debt have tried to pay their debts. Many creditors, probably most of them, have been generous to debtors on interest charges and many on principal also. The heroism that has been shown by whole families working together to save their homes, to keep their heads up and educate the children, I call magnificent.

"And we have had no revolution. Our lawmakers have tried to help the distressed, but not to destroy the well-to-do. America might have turned to Bolshevism as Russia did. It might have turned to Fascism and dictatorships as Italy and Germany did. It might have become involved in civil war as Spain has done. Free speech, free press, free elections, free churches—all the most priceless things we have or shall ever have, might have been sacrificed here as they have been in other nations. But none of these things has happened here. On the contrary, I think our people have shown wonderful common sense, wonderful courage, and a wonderful capacity for going just far enough with new ideas to protect themselves without rushing blindly into enough new experiments to destroy themselves.

"We have a right to be proud of the way the American people have come through this seven-year testing time. The suffering and distress nearly everybody has been through has enlarged nearly everybody's sympathies. We have more concern for the other fellow, more interest in all those who labor and are heavy-laden. As one direct result of the depression we are going to have old age pensions—not extravagant enough to provide the glorious luxuries Dr. Townsend promises but yet big enough to prove a godsend to millions. Also insurance to protect the man or woman out of a job, dependent mothers, the blind and disabled. And while all parties promise greater economies, none propose that the federal government shall let the poor anywhere starve."

Some people are expressing great concern over the rumor that the King of England might marry an American woman. We feel somewhat like the local married man did when one of his friends got married, "Why worry about him. He is no better than the rest of us, and we are married."

We are keenly disappointed, because to date we have not read or heard anyone crack the old joke that the warm fall is due to the hot political campaign.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



MARSHAL OTY WALKER'S NEW PLAN OF LADDER LENDING HAS CUT DOWN THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS WORK 95 PER CENT

23 Years Ago in Haywood

(From the files of October 24, 1913) Miss Wislie Smathers is the aunt of her sister, Mrs. Jack Holliday at her home in Pensacola, Fla.

Mrs. R. N. Barber spent the weekend in Asheville, visiting relatives.

Mr. Walter Dungan left Wednesday for Columbia, S. C., where he has accepted a position.

Mrs. Felix Alley and her mother, Mrs. Margaret Hayes, spent yesterday in Asheville.

Mr. Cola Allen left Sunday for Sunburst where he accepted a position with the Champion Lumber Company.

Mr. Clem Satterthwaite who has spent sometime in Philadelphia and New York, has returned home.

Mr. Bill Coble, after spending several days in Spartanburg, S. C., has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ray Morgan spent the week-end in Clyde, with relatives.

Miss Dorothy Mussell was the charming hostess to an informal dance given at her home on the Fairview Road on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Harden Howell was hostess Saturday afternoon at her attractive home in West Waynesville, at a reception given in honor of her sister, Mrs. William D. Marshall, of Buffalo, New York.

All old-time signs point to a "hard winter," which should mean a good apple crop next year.

The glory of the autumn clad hills was only intensified by the touches of white added by the snow on Monday.

Dr. Edward K. Graham, who is acting president of the University of North Carolina, has some definite ideas as to the use that the school should make of November the 5th and 6th designated by Governor Craig as Good Roads Days in North Carolina.

A bill amending the road law of Haywood county was introduced and passed by the efforts of Senator Hannah during the special session of the legislature, together with several minor acts affecting the county.

MARRIAGES

(As Recorded to Monday Noon of This Week)

L. C. Whitmire, Rosman, to Lela Caldwell, of Waynesville.

Jim Beck, of Waynesville, to Beulah Conard, of Maggie.

Ralph Crawford to Fannie Green Littrel, both of Waynesville.

Alonzo Finney, of Crabtree, to Dove Messer, of Jonathan Creek.

Riley Carver, of Fines Creek, to Bonnie Jaynes, also of Fines Creek.

Crawford C. League, of Greenville, to Marion Elise Davis, of Waynesville.

Hilliard McLean Sheehan, of Waynesville, to Hattie Watson, of White-
tie.

realize this ideal.

October is also the month in which the American Navy was founded in 1775 by the Continental Congress.

In addition to paying a deserved tribute to the sea heroes of the nation and recalling the splendid part the navy has played in making and keeping us a nation, the Navy Day observance has proved a valuable means of fostering a better understanding of the navy and its work. Such information, in a country where government is by public opinion, is essential to the formation of correct judgments affecting naval policy, and in this work of information the Navy Day observance has played a considerable part.

TROUBLES OF AN HEIRESS

Revealing the trial of a \$7,000,000 beautiful heiress. An unusual illustrated story in the November 14th issue of the American Weekly, the big magazine which comes every Sunday with the BALTIMORE AMERICAN. On sale at all news stands.

HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

It is officially known that the offices in the basement of the Haywood County Court House, of H. C. Wilburn, who is in charge of the planning and organizing of the proposed museum for the North Carolina side in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, may be moved out of the court house. If the report be true, we cannot feel that those who have the authority to make this move have gone very thoroughly into the matter.

The activities of the various departments and agencies located in the court house have increased tremendously since the plans for the building were completed which at the time was thought to contain adequate space to serve the county for many years to come. Granting the need for more offices we feel that it would not be advisable to transfer the office of Mr. Wilburn at this time.

In the first place it is only a temporary arrangement until the completion of the museum building that will house the material being collected. We should appreciate the location of this office in our own county. It is one of the few things definitely related to the governmental activities of the park located in North Carolina, to hold interest in the park on this side of New Found Gap.

Tennessee has visioned what the park would mean from its first inception and has offered the government every inducement. The people of Gatlinburg are giving the use of two buildings for offices of the Park Service. Superintendent Eakin is given a house in which to live. The citizens of Maryville, Tenn., have offered storage accommodations, which have also been accepted. Maybe there have been more reasons than we like to admit for our neighboring state getting the biggest slice of park activities.

For five years Mr. Wilburn was employed by the North Carolina Park Commission as an engineer, surveying and investigating values and in charge of the legal work, during the acquisition activities of the development of the park. In April, 1933, he was employed by the National Park Service, and in November, 1934, he was loaned on a part time basis, to the North Carolina Park Museum committee.

During this period of nearly two years Mr. Wilburn has collected \$2,500 worth of books and documentary material, and in all something over 5,500 objects. It was specified in the beginning by Mr. Cammerer, that all material for the museum was to be stored in a fire proof building until the museum building in the park was erected. In the work being done by Mr. Wilburn, in research and cataloguing, it is necessary that his office and place of storage be the same.

In conversation with Mr. Eakin last summer regarding the work of the museum he said, "Mr. Wilburn is doing a splendid piece of work in his quiet way—but such a thorough way. It is doubtful if you people realize just what he is doing. I think when the museum is completed you will be surprised at what he has accomplished."

FAMED AUTOGRAPH FOUND IN BARREL

An autograph of Benjamin Franklin, dated 1787, was found in the bottom of a barrel of china from a dismantled inn, in Tarrytown, N. Y., last week. The autograph on a deed from the supreme executive of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, of which he was president, has been authenticated by Leslie V. Case, president of the Tarrytown historical society.

LETTERS to the Editor

Editor The Mountaineer:—

In the past I have made many straight-from-the-shoulder criticisms of the loose and inefficient methods of handling Haywood County finances, particularly the bungling manner in which its taxes have been collected, or perhaps better—not collected.

Then during the incumbency of Mr. D. A. Howell as county tax collector, I had some things to say concerning his splendid work. When he was relieved of this position I was very much disgruntled and said so in the columns of The Mountaineer. In that communication I said that he had set a high mark for his successor to shoot at.

I have from time to time followed the reports in your columns of the excellent work of that successor, Mr. W. H. McCracken, in the collection of taxes, showing that he has been hitting the target every time, and now in your issue of October 8, comes such a report to the County Commissioners of tax collections as I have never known in Haywood county in all my life. It looks like Mr. McCracken has just gathered in that target and has taken it to his office in the county court house and has hung it up as "Exhibit A."

That faithful and efficient public servant should have the hearty commendation of every citizen of Haywood county, and I am conveying to him mine through the medium of your columns.

E. W. GUDGER, New York City, The American Museum of Natural History.

Navy Day

Navy Day was inaugurated in 1922 by the Navy League of the United States and its observance is sponsored annually by the league. It is the day set aside fourteen years ago by Presidential proclamation and is the day the Navy is at home to the public. October 27th was selected because it is the anniversary of the birth of President Theodore Roosevelt, so much of whose life was devoted to establishing a sound naval policy for the United States of America. It will be remembered that President Roosevelt first achieved a national reputation by writing a naval history of the War of 1812, a work of such merit that it was incorporated into Clow's Royal Navy, a monumental history of the British Sea Service. Later, as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and finally as President, Roosevelt bent upon the American people the necessity for an adequate navy, and endeavored through his leadership to

KINGS and QUEENS

In England the ambition of every shopkeeper is to be able to boast that he has once served the King. The inference is that if the goods and service are satisfactory to a king they should be satisfactory to any of his subjects.

Being situated in a supposedly democratic county, Alexander's operates on a little different principle. At this institution, we simply use our imagination and regard every customer as an INCOGNITO King or Queen.

And we'll wager that no king or queen ever received more attentive consideration or a more conscientious brand of service than is accorded all of our patrons. This applies whether the order amounts to a few cents or a substantial sum.

Maybe this is why Alexander's is regarded by a large part of Waynesville's population as the "ACE" of drug stores.

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