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**SEEKING \$743,000 FOR PARK**

Last July, before the North Carolina Press Association, Arno B. Cammerer, director of all national parks, made it clear to the members of the press and others, that he would not be willing to recommend the complete establishment of The Park until the original objective of 427,000 acres had been achieved. He continued his statement by saying that "we have in hand 393,000 acres, but good faith compels us to abide by the original agreement."

The remaining 34,000 acres are on the Tennessee side of the Park, but since state lines make no difference in the matter of the Federal Government taking over the Park, it is just as much a matter for this state to help work out ways and means of acquiring the necessary acreage as it is that of Tennessee.

In order to get the matter of definite action underway, a meeting was held in Knoxville last Friday, with representatives from both states present. The matter was thoroughly discussed, and a board of seven directors was named to work out details for getting \$743,000.18 with which to buy the 34,000 acres.

Because President Roosevelt has been keenly interested in the Park, and especially so since his trip through it last September, the committee is now at work to place the matter directly before him between now and Christmas, if such a conference can be had. If Mr. Roosevelt fails to appropriate the \$743,000, then the committee will turn to Congress, which meets early in January.

Those heading the work, feel that Mr. Roosevelt will find some way to earmark sufficient funds to acquire the necessary acreage.

If Mr. Roosevelt, and Congress both fail to find funds for the completion of the Park, it is the intention of the committee to raise the funds in the two states, together with contacting a few outsiders who have already generously contributed to the Park.

Some may ask why Tennessee is behind in acquiring the necessary acreage. The majority of the federal funds set aside were used to buy the Ravensford Lumber Company properties, which constituted a large portion of the North Carolina acreage.

The committee is now determined that the matter will not be allowed to drag any longer, but they intend to keep constantly on the job until \$743,000 is in hand, so that the necessary 427,000 acres of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park can be taken over and fully developed by the Federal Government.

**A SIMPLE RIDDLE**

It would be easy to answer the following riddle: "Who is it that maintains our community's activities, supports all worthy local enterprises, contributes to the churches and institutions of the community, pays taxes, lends moral and financial support of the schools? Who is it?"

Of course, the students of even the lower grades could correctly answer—our local business men.

You and your family benefit every day from the very things which the local business firms support, then why is it not only fair that you in turn patronize the firms who make living conditions better for you? That, it seems to us, is a fair question.

During the past weeks, the merchants of this community have stressed the importance of trying at home first. It was not a selfish move on their part, but one in which they sought to build even a greater community.

They rightfully deserve your support, because they have done so much for the community.

**"BACK TO THE FARM"**

D. Reeves Noland, representative of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, is elated over the real estate market in Western North Carolina. Small farms of from 10 to 20 acres are in great demand, which indicates that there is a general movement of "back to the farm."

During the past two months he has sold forty farms in Western North Carolina. The majority of these were sold to people who once lived on farms and then moved to towns and cities to work. The forty farms represent about \$75,000. Many of them were sold for cash.

Real estate sales have always been considered an accurate business barometer, and certainly from the reports of Mr. Noland, business must be good in this section.

**TACKLING ANOTHER JOB**

Not being satisfied with decorating the streets more elaborately than ever before, the town board of aldermen have underway a "pre-Christmas clean-up campaign."

The city's street department has been out this week and will continue on the job of ridding the city of many an unsightly piece of garbage, and accumulated leaves.

Such pride in the appearance of the city indicates that those at the helm are determined to do their part in making this a better place in which to live. And the least any of us can do is to co-operate with them 100 per cent, and encourage them on the good work.

**A GOOD RECORD—AND NOT SO GOOD**

Very few citizens of Waynesville know that there is an active Boy Scout organization here of 32 boys—one complete troop. This organization by the Rotary Club, and led by J. C. Brown and C. E. Weatherby, is doing a splendid piece of work.

Regardless of what one may think, this community has not been scout-minded, until recent months.

While the troop of 32 boys is encouraging, there is food for serious thought, when we stop and realize that while 32 boys are receiving excellent Scout training, there are about 2,000 others in Haywood County not being reached by Scout work.

**DUSTY BOOKS ARE FUTILE**

Never before have so many people patronized the local library. An average of 70 books a day so far in the month of December clearly proves that the facilities of the Waynesville Public Library are being extensively used.

Those who labored many hours several years ago to keep the institution open now have a right to feel proud of their efforts and good work.

Just after learning of this record from the local library, we found the following editorial in the Rotarian Magazine, which seems most appropriate at this time:

"The best books are those which contain the records of the history and the wisdom of men. They are the priceless links with past ages and other peoples. They are the keys to the treasure chests of the accumulated thought and experience of races and nations.

"Good books are the constant companions of the man who would serve his best purpose in life, for they advise him in service, and strengthen his ideals.

"Good books are available to all, at little or no cost. They are your ready and constant companions—if you want them. Everyone who enjoys life should like books; should want to own them, and should be ready to lend them to others. For books are useful only as they are used."

**IT LOOKS DANGEROUS TO US**

Perhaps we just haven't gotten accustomed to the modern ways of doing things, but we still shudder with fear everytime one of these double-decked gasoline trucks passes through town. We wonder just what would happen if one of them would become involved in a wreck and catch on fire right in the middle of town.

Only recently, one of the trucks was wrecked near Lumberton, and the cargo of 4,000 gallons of gasoline caught on fire. Fortunately enough, the accident was at an isolated place and very little damage was done.

We are still of the firm opinion that Waynesville is the best decorated town for its size in Western North Carolina.

Proof that good beef cattle are far from being extinct in Haywood County, is the news that 12 beef calves brought Haywood 4-H Club members \$742.34 plus a \$25 prize at the recent Asheville Fat Cattle Show.

Another thing which can be added to the list of things which we can do without is: "shooting fireworks on Main Street."

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AFTER SPENDING TWO WEEKS AT THE DEPOT READING TRAVEL FOLDERS ON WINTER SPORTS BOB FIDSET MADE A QUICK DECISION EARLY TODAY

**Random SIDE GLANCES**

By W. CURTIS RUSS

When you drive into a service station and buy gasoline you pay 23 cents a gallon. If you could get your tank filled at the refinery the cost would be less than seven cents.

According to W. T. Juff, who looks after things in this area for Standard Oil, I learned that of the 23 cents, there is 7 1/2 cents for taxes. Almost three cents go for freight charges, and two and a half cents for local delivery. This leaves the large sum of four cents for the man who washes you; windshield, puts air in your tires, gives you an expensive road map, and two gallons of water in a leaking radiator, and scrapes the corroded acid from your battery.

The federal government gets one cent tax on each gallon; the state of North Carolina gets six, and an inspector gets the other quarter of a cent. The oil companies get to handle six and three quarters cent from each gallon.

As a matter of fact, it is said that the oil companies actually make less than a quarter of a cent on a gallon of gasoline.

Fortunately enough for the motorists, the price of gasoline has come down as the taxes went up. The actual price of gasoline in 1923 was twice what it is now.

While on the subject of gasoline and oil, I learned that the automobile owners in the state represent only 13 per cent of the population of the state. On some Sunday afternoons, I almost question that statement, but take it for granted that such is true. And did you know that the automobile owners pay over 61 per cent of all taxes paid in North Carolina. Well, I didn't.

It has always amused me to hear people discuss different brands of gasoline, and what one will do and what the other won't do.

I know one man who is not interested in any oil concern, yet he vows that his car won't run unless it has a certain type gas and oil in it. To date he doesn't specify the source of the water.

Wouldn't it be fine to drive up to a gas station and pay only 35 cents for five gallons? Yet, who wants to ride over muddy roads, or ford rivers—so, here, mister, is \$1.16 for them five gallons.

R. H. Blackwell, admirer of this column, suggests that this community keep its eyes open and see where the bride-to-be, Mrs. Wally Simpson, decides to live. If the said ex-king should decide to come to America, it is Mr. Blackwell's opinion that we could offer as much or more of an inducement for them to come here and make their home than any spot on earth.

I'd never thought of it before, but Mr. Blackwell is real "timber"—as they say in political circles—for a secretary of a Chamber of Commerce.

Seeing people crack nuts with their teeth makes me think of the time I used to watch hogs in the swamps of South Carolina crack acorns and hickory nuts.

Here it is the 16th of December and I haven't seen a pair of spats this year.

For a disk that is fit for a king, or even an ex-king, try a baked apple with just a dash of cinnamon.

Imagine twelve freight cars of peanuts going out of one town in one day—that's what happened down at Ahsokie, Hertford county, last week.

I'm in a mess—just bought some shaving supplies, and now the person in authority at my house informs me that I've gummed up her gift list—

**23 Years Ago in Haywood**

(From the files of December 12, 1913)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Queen, a son, Tuesday last. Mr. Fred Howell left last Wednesday for Knoxville, where he will spend the winter.

Mr. Bill Coble left last week for Chapel Hill, where he has accepted a position for the winter.

Mr. J. R. Morgan left Saturday to attend the Baptist State Convention.

Mr. Hardy Medford, of Clyde, spent yesterday in town on business.

Miss Nita Davis spent Wednesday in Asheville shopping.

Miss Robena Miller has returned after spending sometime in Griffin, Ga., visiting her sister, Mrs. George A. Niles.

Miss Willie Willis was the delightful hostess on Wednesday afternoon, of the Auction Bridge Club. The highest score was made by Miss Bettie Hyatt.

The Misses Hattie and Glenn Bryson spent Sunday in Waynesville as the guests of Miss Georgia Miller, at her home on Haywood street.

Miss Jessie Moody left yesterday for Cherokee, where she will spend the week-end as the guest of her sister, Miss Mary Moody.

We hope that Sylva succeeds in getting the summer law school of Wake Forest. Sylva is showing the right spirit to go after the school and deserves to succeed.

Christmas is now only a couple of weeks away, and the stores of Waynesville have put on a holiday appearance. Everywhere there are displayed the things that are "Christmasy," and an air of festivity is apparent.

A rather severe punishment was inflicted upon three young men in Canton last Friday, as a reward for their recent secret marriages. Josh Curtis, Robert Calvin, and William Reta, the three newly married young men were taken from their homes, chained together with a large three-inch chain and for several hours were marched about the streets forced to sing, dance and otherwise amuse.

**Girl Scouts**

From Waynesville Hi-Life  
 A Girl Scout troop has been organized in Waynesville and is sponsored by the Woman's Club. Miss Mary Stringfield is captain and Miss Debrayda Fisher is lieutenant. The troop has not been divided into patrols yet, but there will be about four patrols.

Some of the girls are working on their Tender-foot Test and some on their Second Class Test. All of the girls seem to be interested and they are going to be a great success as a troop. The sponsors and leaders hope to make this troop permanent.

**Boy Scout Work Is Progressing**

From Waynesville Hi-Life  
 Boy Scout work in Troop 1, Waynesville, is progressing nicely. There were so many boys wishing to pass tests that an assistant scoutmaster was needed. Coach C. E. Weatherby filled the position and is getting along well.

There are two Star Scouts in the Troop, Ben Calkitt and Joe Davis. There are First Class Scouts and numerous Second Class and Tenderfeet.

Five expert counselors have been appointed to help the boys in passing tests. These are M. H. Bowles, Reading and Scholarship merit badges, Mr. Dan Watkins, Pathfinding and Automobileing, W. L. Lampkin, Signaling, and Dr. Sisk, Personal Health and Public Health, and L. N. Davis, Signaling and First Aid.

Plans are being made for another troop to be formed in January.

**NOT TO APPEAR**

Despite a request by Mrs. Frank D. Roosevelt the face of Susan B. Anthony, pioneer suffragist, will not appear among the immortals being carried on the face of Mount Rushmore, South Dakota, Gutzon Borghum, sculptor in charge, said his plan called only for men.

and she further alleges, that she knows of nothing else to substitute the same with.

I am happy to report that to date the entire office force has been able to persuade, command, and keep Uncle Abe out of the office Christmas decorations.

**"Eating in the jungle is no picnic!"**

SAYS LAWRENCE GRISWOLD



**SPORTS AUTHORITY — Jimmy Gould (below) — says: "Camels never get on my nerves. I always smoke Camels with my meals and afterwards."**

"I LIST CAMELS as one of the necessities on the trail," says this famous explorer. "I've found that smoking Camels is a great aid to my digestion."

**CAMELS COSTLIER TOBACCOS**

**FIRST THOUGHT**

Your first thought when a loved one is ill is to provide the best medical care available—the best nursing—the best of everything that will help restore to health and strength. Cost doesn't matter—it is no time for "bargain hunting." This organization feels exactly the same way, and on Alexander's prescription room shelves you will find nothing but the costliest drugs and chemicals. We know that the effectiveness of any prescription is in direct ratio to the quality of the ingredients and the care with which they are compounded.

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