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AT LAST — LOWER RATES
The city officials have found it is possible to reduce the electric and power rates for Waynesville to the same schedules as charged by Carolina Power and Light Company in neighboring towns.

Needless to say, this is indeed welcomed news. It will bring to a close, a long argument that the town should give its patrons lower rates.

With everything considered, Waynesville is now enjoying lower rates than towns that are served by the Carolina Power and Light Company, in that the city light department takes care of the street lights without costing the property owners. In other towns the property owners have to pay a tax bill of something like \$10,000 a year for street lights alone.

The very fact that the new schedules make it possible to use an abundance of electricity and the greater the number of kilowatt hours, the lower the rates, we are of the opinion that many housewives will now avail themselves with electric ranges and other electrical appliances which will lift the drudgery of housework from their shoulders.

There is no question but what electricity has made housework a pleasure. Homes are easier to keep. Meals are prepared more quickly, and under much cooler conditions, and the food is even better when prepared under such circumstances.

Let it be said right here that the city officials did not come to the conclusion of reducing the rates without first making a very rigid investigation of the matter. They are not jeopardizing the credit of the town by reducing the rates. If anything, we believe the gross profit derived from the lower rates will far exceed those of the past.

We are fortunate to have a board that was willing to spend the many extra hours of their time to work out the hundreds of details necessary to make this reduction. We can now prove whether we appreciate lower rates by "using plenty of juice."

CLEVELAND DOUGLAS WELCH

The people of Haywood County join the citizens of Gaston County, in their grief over the death of Cleveland Douglas Welch, native of this section. He was a man of exceptional qualities. The manly traits he showed when growing up in this community, were indicative of the matured man which his adopted county knew.

Son of the late beloved Luscious and Annie Moore Welch, he spent his childhood and early manhood here. After graduating from college, he went to Gastonia, where he started his career in the textile business, with the Loray Mills. Later he became associated with the Cramerton Mills, Inc., of Cramerton, one of the outstanding textile plants of the South, of which at the time of his death he was vice president.

He was highly respected, greatly loved, recognized as an efficient executive, his industrial opinions sought, his community spirit felt in all worth while projects, to his family all that a husband and father should be, and a personality admired by all who knew him.

WILL TACKLE ANYTHING

Down in Clinton the other day, a drunk climbed into the cab of a locomotive and opened wide the throttle, but fortunately for those in that section, the brakes held until officers arrested the would-be engineer. This particular drunk ran true to form, in that he opened the throttle for speed but gave no thought to brakes. We have too many such automobile engineers on our highways now.

GOVERNOR HOEY IS RE-SOLD

Governor Hoey has been re-sold on the importance of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to North Carolina.

That sentence alone tells the story of the trip which Governor Hoey made into the Park in company of about 20 Western Carolinians on last Saturday. Not for one minute would we even hint that the governor was not sold on the Park before this visit, but he saw on Saturday some sections that heretofore have not been available to anyone except park officials.

None of us will ever fully realize the importance of the Park until the federal government takes it over, and of course, we are aware of the fact that there remains 28,000 acres to be acquired at a cost of about \$750,000, before the National Park Service will take complete charge of the Park.

North Carolina does not have the money, neither does Tennessee. In fact, this state could not legally appropriate money for the purchase of the necessary acreage which lies in Tennessee. Right now it looks like the \$750,000 will have to come from a federal grant or be donated by some individual. If it comes from the federal government—and that will be the easiest method, it is going to take some constant hammering away by the governors and state park commissions of North Carolina and Tennessee.

Governor Hoey and Governor Browning are "sold" on the Park and are anxious for its early completion. We are confident that both are ready to "go to bat" for the cause, and will not stop until the Park is in the hands of the National Park Service.

Those who have watched for years the gradual development of the Park, are more hopeful today of an early completion than ever before, as the movement on foot has been launched on a solid basis, and backed by men of sound judgment.

HIGH TYPE PROGRAMS

The program as arranged for Lake Junaluska this year is most inviting, and should be of real benefit to those who take advantage of what is being offered at the capitol of Southern Methodists.

On three occasions of this season, outstanding musicians will appear in concert at the Lake auditorium. Such events as these are almost unheard of in communities this size.

The purpose of the high type programs are not for profit. While the organization cannot afford to lose money on them, they are not seeking to make money. It is a service which they feel is due to those who look on The Southern Assembly for inspiration and guidance.

PRISONERS VS. ORPHANS

Something seems radically wrong, when the State of North Carolina finds it necessary to spend 89 cents a day to feed and board a prisoner, and only 19 cents a day for orphans.

Our source of information on this subject is Senator Patton, of Macon County, who has made many a fight against such a situation.

It seems that under such methods, the state is putting a premium on prisoners, and turning a deaf ear on helpless orphans.

A person gets in prison because of their own fault. Children become helpless orphans from no fault of their own. Such a one-sided situation is indeed a reflection on the state.

Prisoners are entitled to sufficient food and clothing, yet at the same time they should be made to realize that they are being punished for breaking the law of the state, and that punishment should carry with it sufficient hardships to impress upon prisoners and would-be-prisoners the importance of obeying the law.

SURE METHOD IF COLLECTING

Although 83 per cent of the 1936 county taxes have been collected, the law provides that all property on which 1936 taxes have not been paid be advertised the first of August. This is always a sad thing to see in print, yet it is about the only means of bringing about the collection of many dollars in taxes. For the days to come now, the tax office will be flooded with taxpayers making settlement before the advertising is started. For some reason, people just don't like publicity on the fact that they owe taxes.

IT TAKES A LOT OF TIME

In today's column, Senator Reynolds, goes into detail of what constitutes a senatorial day, pointed out in detail that every minute is taken with important matters. It was not until the last sentence of his column, that "Our Bob" mentioned about going about the country making speeches. No mention was made about the time it takes to appear wherever important national figures might be, and kissing movie actresses on the capitol steps.

Senator Reynolds might have added, that this thing of being a "first class showman and senator" is quite taxing on one's time.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

The best way to find what's in a man, is to be thrown with him in an informal way for several hours.

Regardless of his position in life, or the thick crust of officialism with which he may be clothed, the deep inside spirit and ideals are bound to come out.

Saturday I was fortunate enough to make the trip through the park with some 20 others, and during the course of the day was thrown in one way or another with practically everyone of them.

Of course, the occasion was to accompany Governor Hoey through the park, and point out some of the scenic high spots. The Governor is a lover of nature. That alone explains that those designated to entertain him by calling attention to beauty spots had an easy job.

Mr. Hoey devoted most of his time to looking—yet carrying on conversations with those in his car. Never did he fail to call attention to views that he thought surpassed others. He was constantly on the lookout for something different, and he got it at every turn in the road.

I found that E. L. McKee is very much road-minded. He is taking his job as highway commissioner seriously. He is weighing every request with much care and deliberation. He is frank enough to say when he thinks certain projects can be taken care of. Neither does he beat around the bush in telling when he thinks a project is impossible because of the budget set-up.

I rode with Mr. McKee, W. T. Shelton and Senator Patton, of Macon, from Waynesville to Gatlinburg. Of course, everyone knows that Mr. Shelton could not go 50 feet without telling of Indians in the West or dahlias.

While I've heard many of the topics before, they never grow old, because he always has an expression of delight on his face when he tackles either subject.

This was the first time I've ever been thrown with Senator Patton for any length of time. He is now United States Commissioner, but from his conversation, you would gather that he is guardian angel for Macon county. He never fails to get in a good word for his county, and is a loyal booster.

While Mr. Patton is a loyal booster for his home county, he is broad-minded enough to appreciate—and say so—of the progress other counties are making.

This Macon booster was frank enough to say that he thought Haywood county was the best balanced county in the state—having splendid agricultural lands, and weather conditions; ideal settings to attract tourists, and in the midst of abundant raw materials for manufacturing.

The trip via Black Camp Gap, and Round Bottom, was the first for Mr. McKee, Patton and myself. All three of us were thrilled at the scenery, and did not hesitate to enjoy it, but I honestly believe Mr. Shelton was thinking of some of his 15-inch dahlias at the time, because he refrained from saying too much about the views. And to tell the truth, a 15-inch dahlia has worlds of "scenery" in it, if you are in the frame of mind to see it.

I have no idea what brought up the subject—maybe the high altitude, but Mr. Shelton took occasion to tell that since a boy of 18, he had never bet on anything. Perhaps his "closeness to

heaven" inspired him make a clean breast of everything, so he up and explained that in a poker game when he was 18, he lost everything but his underwear. The man who had won it told Mr. Shelton then and there, that he was "too thick headed to be a successful gambler." To Mr. Shelton, this was an insult, and he wanted to fight it out, but the other fellow wouldn't fight, saying that he would return all his clothes on the promise that he never would gamble again. That explains why "Uncle Will" won't make even 5 cent bets today.

While making a clean breast of everything, "Uncle Will" told that his worst fight was with two girls. He was mail carrier at the time, and out in Jackson county, he saw two girls, both about drunk, engaged in a fight. One was red-headed and the other a brunette. He called to the red-headed one, who was then getting the best of the other, and told her to stop. Whereupon, both of them jumped on him. He would not tell whether he got out of the affray scratchless or not.

This is a great old world, and still has many people that have a lot of things in their hearts that we would be better off to know—and the only way to find out, is to associate with them.

I'm sold on this idea of hobnobbing around.

Those 5 Dionne babies were given a million to one chance to live almost three years ago when they were born and now are well and happy and, will be worth a million dollars apiece in the course of time.

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A man may fail at everything he undertakes, but when he starts to make a fool of himself he is to make a whale of a success.

Success and excess never make a good team.

If more of us said what we thought there would be less conversation.

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Chinese girls like their chopsticks, while American girls prefer to have it thrown at them.

There may be a scrap here but there seems to be no other other kinds of scraps.

The Indiana farmer who put his own funeral has set a fashion others might follow, thus saving minister considerable embarrassment.

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