

When Park Director Visited Smokies In 1941



Newton B. Drury, director of the National Park Service, is shown pointing to a sign in the Smokies while on his last visit to the Park in 1941. The above photograph was made as Mr. Drury was talking to Charles E. Ray, of Waynesville, and chairman of arrangements for the Park-highway meeting here today.

Park Director Visited Here In Fall Of 1941; Interested In Roads

Delegation Headed By Governor Broughton Met With Mr. Drury Just Before Pearl Harbor.

Editor's note: The following account was published in this newspaper the day after Mr. Drury's first visit to Waynesville, in November, 1941, just a couple of weeks before Pearl Harbor.

Newton B. Drury, director of

ences, and language differences.

The tribe was issued a charter in 1895 and the land in the Qualla Boundary was deeded to the corporation at that time. By 1919, most of the property had drifted into the hands of the more astute Indians and the tribe petitioned the federal government for a re-allotment.

Accordingly, congress in 1924 authorized a new census to determine those eligible for the land. While the tribal roll showed only about 3,100 bona fide Indians, upwards to 15,000 persons are reported to have claimed tribal rights. As a result, the Indians changed their minds about division of the lands, and the deed has remained with the federal government since that time, and the land is held communally by the Indians.

the National Park Service, is definitely interested in the development of the Park Museum of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, located on the North Carolina side. This was learned yesterday in an exclusive interview with Mr. Drury by The Mountaineer.

Mr. Drury is also in favor of preserving the traditions of the pioneers of this section by keeping in tact as many old landmarks as possible in the area.

He approves collection of material for the museum that will portray the life and cultural arts of the mountaineer, as he feels such exhibits will lend color and interest to the visitors coming to this section from other parts of the country.

Mr. Drury further stated that during the next few weeks he plans to send a staff of specialists down to make a survey along the lines of historical preservation and offer suggestions as to the best means of presenting and preserving the material found.

"I don't mind admitting, that some years ago I thought the west began in my native state, California, but since visiting the Park and marveling at its grandeur, I feel the west begins in Western North Carolina."

After being introduced by Don Elias, president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Drury replied to Governor Broughton's that more roads were needed into the Park, by adding: "I appreciate the open-mindedness of your progressive governor. As far as I am concerned, the Park Service will approach the subject of road building with an open mind."

Director Drury pointed out that the defense program came first, but went on to say that projects were being "worked up" and put on the shelf until the defense work was over, and then these projects would become a reality and men now on defense would be given jobs. Road building will be an important item at such a time, he concluded.

"The defense work has slowed us down, but in one way that is good, because sometimes we spend money too rapidly."

Mr. Drury said it was wonderful to meet with such groups and learn of the trends of thought, and to get local slants on such matters.

The Park director was emphatic in his remarks that "some sections of the Park should not be penetrated by roads. We should maintain some wilderness areas, to which men may retreat, and where wildlife may find refuge."

"I have come to think of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in that class of truly great things in America. I have made several trips into the Park, yet this is the first from this side, and on one of those trips, I was with the late Arno B. Cramerer, who for seven years served as director of the Park Service. It was with him that I stood on top of Mt. LeConte and looked for miles at the colorful trees in their fall colorings. Since that time I have always felt very much at home in the Park area."

The Park official was highly complimentary of the barbecue, which was served, stating: "I have never tasted such delicious barbecue, even in sunny California."

Local Draft Board Reclassifies 62 Men During Week

Sixty-two men were reclassified during the past week by the Waynesville draft board with the following placed in class 1-A and subject to call for active duty:

Yoder D. Messer, Glenn F. Boyd, Marion L. Burgess, Reeves Ferguson, Lawrence H. Sutton, Henry L. Green, Fred V. Sutton, Judge E. Hall, Charles R. Conard, and James A. Sutton.

Placed in class 1-C (inducted) was Hayden E. Miller.

Placed in class 2-C was William M. James.

Placed in class 2-C (F) was Walter L. Shuler.

Placed in class 2-B (F) were: Robert F. Haynes, Charley Mull and Paul R. Clark.

Placed in class 4-A was Wayne D. Moore.

Placed in class 4-F were: John W. Murphy, Wingate E. Hannah, Johnnie R. Clark, Joseph R. Evans, Jesse J. Jordan, Dillard Rogers, James E. Evans, Calvin T. Francis, Norman L. Barker, James L. Ledbetter, Willie L. Page, Willard C. Messer, Arnold H. Ramsey, and Walter F. Panter.

Continued in class 2-A (F) were: Claude Pressley, William A. Wyatt, George V. Smith, John H. Ruff, Virgil Wilson, Spellman G. McClure, Furman F. Tate, William P. Gentry, George E. Pope, and Co. Grooms.

Continued in class 2-B were: William R. Wright and Robert S. Inman.

Continued in class 1-A was Iven J. Rathbone.

Continued in class 2-A was William G. Rathbone.

Coming Down From Soco Gap



Coming down from Soco Gap, which has an elevation of over 4,300 feet, toward Waynesville, is this striking mountain scene.

Continued in class 2-C were: Marshal W. Holder, Leonard J. Green and Hugh D. Welch.

Continued in class 2-C (F) were: Nelson Parks, Lee Lewis, George S. Messer, Edward L. Chambers, and Lige Franklin.

Continued in class 2-B (F) were: Horace L. Teague, Charlie A. Smith, Frank S. Leatherwood, Phil Best, Glen V. Rogers, Deryal L. Matney, Charles P. Sutton, James Long, and Guy V. Grogan.

Manganese, a material used in small quantities to toughen steel, may be needed in the human diet, so tests with rabbits indicate.

Oliver A. Yount, Jr. Receives Promotion

Oliver A. Yount, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver A. Yount, of Waynesville, has recently been promoted to machinist mate, third class. The promotion was made while he was serving aboard a destroyer of the Atlantic fleet, with which he has served for two and one-half years.

He is now in New York waiting for his reassignment after spending a ten-day leave with his parents and friends.

Entering the service in 1942 he has served with the Atlantic fleet, taking part in the invasion of Normandy. He is to be assigned to duty in the Pacific theatre.

He has one brother, Cpl. James Leon Yount, who is stationed at the Oliver General Hospital in Augusta, Ga. Another brother, Sgt. Neil Yount, was killed in action last July in the Pacific theatre.

recreation in the redistribution center.

Sgt. Wayne C. Garrett Arrives In The States

Sgt. Wayne C. Garrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim B. Garrett, of Waynesville, W.D. No. 1, has arrived in the States and is at the redistribution station No. 2, Miami, for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States.

Sgt. Garrett served as a clerk-typist in the Pacific theatre during his tour of duty in that area. During his processing he is housed in an oceanic hotel and enjoys abundant facilities for rest and

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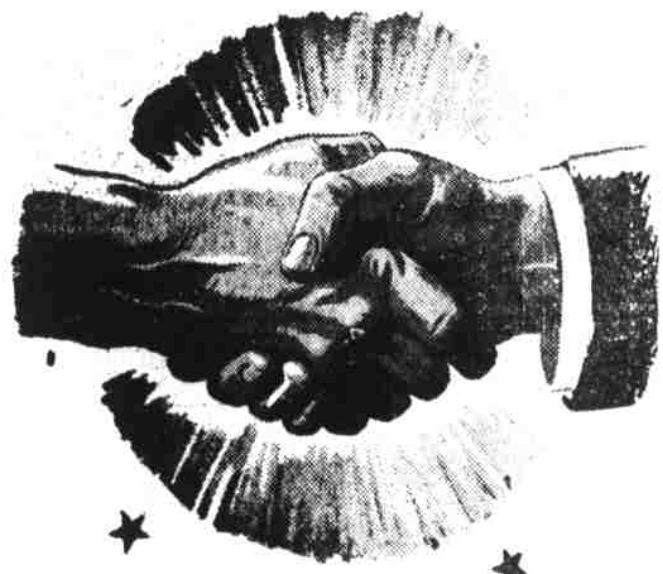
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