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A Greater Junaluska

On Wednesday night a large number of Methodist laymen, together with civic leaders, of the area from Canton to Murphy, will get first-hand information about the expansion program of Lake Junaluska.

The meeting to be held here is similar to those which have been held throughout the South, and others which will follow this meeting.

The whole plan is the Methodists through their officials, have cited the need for \$600,000 in expanding facilities at Lake Junaluska. They are asking the Southern Methodists to contribute that amount in order to expand the summer assembly facilities.

The series of meetings are a wonderful piece of public relations for the Lake, even if the expansion program were not considered. The meetings are creating a greater interest in the Assembly, and unless we miss our guess, it will be the direct means of bringing many more people here each season—beginning with this one.

It is encouraging to note from Luther W. Wells, director of the campaign, that "satisfactory progress" is being made.

The program is not one designed for many years hence, but it is to be effective immediately—in fact, it is already underway. Several weeks ago the trustees gave a contract for a new bridge across the dam, and the work has been completed on the West Gate. On Wednesday a contract is to be let for the construction of modern motel units, which will probably cost \$75,000.

The Terrace is to get some permanent improvements, as is the auditorium, and some of the streets.

More than half of the total sum being sought is to go into the construction of a modern year-round hotel on the highway. The trustees have allocated \$350,000 for this single project.

All this program is not an idle dream, but a reality coming true right before our eyes.

Every person who has been invited to this meeting on Wednesday night will no doubt attend, and there receive further inspiration, and information on "Greater Junaluska." This program is of vital concern to all Western North Carolina, and it looks like the new day for Junaluska is here.

Filling A Big Need

The Waynesville board of aldermen have taken a forward step, in providing a pound for stray and loose dogs.

Stray dogs on the streets of Waynesville, as in all towns, constitute a hazard. The situation has been getting worse as the town has grown, and at times, a pack of roving dogs have almost chased pedestrians off the sidewalks.

Police are constantly being called to handle the situation, and their only alternative has been to try and find the rightful owner, or shoot the dog. Often, they have been the source of criticism because they acted in what they felt was the best interest of the public.

People who own dogs and allow them to run at will on the streets, will now find the dogs will be locked up in the pound, and kept there until proper costs have been provided for releasing the dogs.

The whole program is a forward step. It will protect the dogs, and it will also protect the public from stray dogs, which are dangerous, to say the least.

This newspaper is happy that the program got underway this early in the spring, since the rabies season is near at hand, and that stray dogs make a dangerous combination.

The Practical Method

The students of Central Elementary school, as well as some others, are finding out that a lot can be learned by making practical examples and small scale designs of countries, and places around the world.

The Central Elementary students have just completed a series of projects, ranging from local studies of institutions to far-off Australia.

The students were given assignments in their projects that will make a profound impression on them for life. One youngster who had to paint a barn to show dairying in Wisconsin, as well as those who made models of sheep for the plains of Australia, or the dikes around tulip fields for Holland, will always remember those things in connection with the countries being studied.

The idea is not new. It is in keeping with the visual education in which Haywood has excelled. State educational leaders have long recognized Haywood as a leader in this newer branch of study. At the same time, students in high schools throughout the county are enjoying recording machines, and much use is being made with this machine in teaching public speaking, diction, and even ordinary conversations.

All this is a far step from the time when a student could memorize a textbook and go sailing through the grades. This is a day of practical study, practical application of those things needed in everyday life. What else is education, but learning how to live and go forward in the world?

Growing, Growing, Growing

It would be hard to find a section that is developing more rapidly than along the Soco Gap road from Dellwood to the Gap.

The residents along the highway in the valley are going after the tourist business, and from all indications, they will get their share this season, and for many seasons to come.

We have said many times before, this community is only going to get the number of tourists that we prepare for, and strive to get.

The day of sitting down, and hoping that business will come our way is past. This is a day of "getting up and doing."

It looks as if the people along the Soco Gap road are really up and doing.

They'll Do It Every Time

