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DR. ABBE REPLIES TO MR. MACHEN

Says Expressed Fears for Natural Beauty of Island Are Groundless

In a recent letter to the New York Herald-Tribune, Mr. J. Greham Machen, Princeton, N. J., and Northeast Harbor, criticizes the development of Lafayette National Park. Dr. Robert Abbe, in reply to Mr. Machen's letter, writes as follows:

The New York Herald Tribune: "Will you permit me to express my interest in your editorial on 'A National Park for the East' in your issue of today, and at the same time to express a word of caution? With the purpose of the editorial I am in the most complete agreement; preservation of the forests of our country for the future benefits, recreational as well as economic, of the people is most pressing need of the hour. But I am very doubtful whether this purpose can be served by the transformation of the existing national forests into national parks. The two have been observed for years, and the comparison is altogether to the disadvantage of the national parks. The reservation on Mount Desert Island, Me., is a national park. 'The Lafayette National Park.' And the management of the best in the world, is ruining the natural beauty of the region; it is going to force the people to see the Maine streams and lakes into a kind of swamp that of Central Park, New York. Sometimes I am tempted to think that the Park Commission is more destructive than the committee."

The White Mountain Reservation in New Hampshire, on the other hand, is a national park, and so far it has been managed with admirable wisdom. The region is thoroughly accessible to every part of nature; there is cheap accommodation in hotels and camps; plenty of good forest paths and trails which the Appalachian Mountain Club and other similar organizations are permitted to maintain, provide an encouragement to exercise; but the mountains are not scarred by excessive road building nor are the forests ruined by landscape gardening. If such regions are treated in the manner exemplified in the Lafayette National Park, it is a great loss not only for this generation but for future generations. The best way to kill the love of nature in our people is to take away the little bit of natural beauty which we have left; and the best way to discourage recreation is for government to go into the business of it.

J. GREHAM MACHEN.
Princeton, N. J., Dec. 4, 1924.

WORK ON NEW RINK IS PROGRESSING

Will Afford Fine Opportunity for Skating at Athletic Field

Work on the new skating rink at Athletic Field is progressing. The 150 by 190 foot rink occupies the baseball diamond, and considerable additional space. The board sides have been constructed and layer by layer the surface is being built up. The construction is under the direction of George Bedford who has had considerable experience in the building of rinks in and about Montreal. Patrick Lane has been engaged by the committee as caretaker for the rink. Four light poles have been installed each carrying a 100 candle power bulb with a new type of reflector that will give considerable light all over the pond. The committee now plans to add to the comfort of those who use the rink. It is hoped that the rink may be in use this week.

The rink is so constructed that the baseball bleachers and stands may be used by spectators and by skaters for rest or for the putting on and taking off of skates.

Members of the committee state that subscribers to the rink fund have been coming in very satisfactorily and indications are that many others will wish to contribute to the fund.

Tentative plans are now underway for skating parties in February and hockey enthusiasts are already selecting material for teams.

ISLAND SCENES IN N. Y. EXHIBITION

Frederick Dewiller's Exhibition of American Landscapes Includes Lafayette National Park Group

Frederick Dewiller's exhibition of American landscapes opens at the Art Institute Galleries, New York, on January 2. Holding a place of importance in the exhibition is a group of water colors portraying scenes in Lafayette National Park. They are brilliant in color and sentiment in their varied lightings. Dewiller is the first artist to record these beauties since it attained Government recognition in February and hockey charms, great trees and the surrounding ocean with personal vision. Beautiful slides, superimposed their glowing light over unusual rock formations, fresh green foliage and moving water and evidence his supreme love and understanding of Nature in her varied phases. Among these are "Bald Porcupine" serene and compelling, in "Druids of Eld," a delightful composition of trees and water, and "Moose Cowards" impressive and romantic.

TORREY HAS HALF INTEREST IN FIRM

Junior Member of Fred C. Lynam and Co., Acquires Equal Interest With Mr. Lynam in Insurance Business

Clients of the well-known insurance firm of Fred C. Lynam and Co. have this week received notices to the effect that, beginning January 1, Guy E. Torrey, junior member of the firm, will be a full partner, owning a full half-interest in the business. The business was established by Mr. Lynam more than thirty-five years ago and Mr. Torrey has been associated with it for over fifteen years. There are no other partners and the business will be carried on by Mr. Lynam and Mr. Torrey as in the past. Mr. Torrey has long been recognized as one of the ablest Bar Harbor younger business men and the news of his becoming a full partner in his firm will be pleasing to his personal friends and to friends of the firm.

125 CHILDREN GOT GIFTS FROM SANTA

Rural Little Folk Delighted by Visit of Big Trucks from Bar Harbor

Christmas 1924 was markedly successful so far as the Community Santa Claus movement and Dr. Ellis Santa Claus movement were concerned. More than 125 children, some of them writers to Santa and some not, received gifts from the big laden trucks which went out into rural districts on Christmas eve. Cold weather did not deter them nor their drivers called.

The F. E. Sherman Co. truck, driven by John Higgins, the H. Store truck, driven by Albert Mitchell, the truck owned by Shea Bros., driven by Clarence Smith, and the truck owned by Irving Frost with Mr. Frost driving it, all were vehicles of delight to the children upon whom their drivers called.

In making ready for the trip Dr. Ellis was assisted by Mrs. H. Store, according to letters and otherwise preparing parcels for delivery by Mrs. H. M. Conners and Miss Laura Knowlton.

The response to the appeal for the Community Santa Claus movement was this year a first one. Submaster Cumming of the High School who is now at the head of the High School as leader and his boys did some remarkably good work, and the Girl Reserves also assisted. The gifts of cash amounting to \$60 and the gifts of clothing, both new and slightly worn made the giving of useful gifts much easier. In addition to many local gifts, the movement was helped, too, by the gift from Bar Harbor people who reside in Florida in winter of a box of fine oranges. Dr. Ellis is grateful for assistance.

WILL INSTALL NEW OFFICERS FRIDAY

Island Lodge, Rebekahs and Encampment in Triple Ceremony This Week

A triple installation of the new officers of Island Lodge No. 120 Union Rebekah Lodge, O. W. and Mount Desert Encampment No. 83, I. O. O. F. will be held here on Friday evening. Island Lodge and Union Rebekah Lodge will use the joint installation ceremony.

The installation of Island Lodge will be conducted by Wymen P. Wadleigh of Bar Harbor, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, assisted by Conrad Gabrielson of Bar Harbor, acting grand marshal.

Mrs. Fred H. Gerry, of Bar Harbor, District Deputy, President, will install the officers of Union Rebekah Lodge. Mrs. Gerry will be assisted by Mrs. George Higgins as District Deputy.

District Deputy Arthur I. Studer of Ellsworth will install officers of Mount Desert Encampment. The installation will be semi-private and will be one of the important fraternal gatherings of the year.

Mr. Wadleigh in his capacity as deputy grand master will go to Southwest Harbor Monday evening to direct the installation of officers of Penobscot Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of Rowena Lodge of Rebekahs.

BERRY WITH FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Vice-President of First National Bank to Give Address at Meeting Monday Evening

George F. Berry has severed his connection with the wholesale grocery firm of Twitshell-Chapman Co. of Portland, and will in the future devote his entire time to the business of the First National Bank of Bar Harbor, of which bank he has for some years been vice-president. Mr. Berry has represented the Portland firm in eastern Maine for eighteen years, having his home and office in Bar Harbor where he is one of the town's most popular business men. He has served two years as president of the Board of Trade and has been active in many public matters. Mr. Berry has always been keenly interested in the affairs of the First National, devoting much of his time to the bank each year. The news that he will, on and after January 1, give his entire time to the bank will be pleasing to his personal friends and to friends of the bank.

TO GIVE MUSICAL COMEDY AT CASINO

Katchy-Koo to be Staged by Local Cast Under Auspices of Y. W. C. A. Directed by Professionals

Katchy-Koo, said to be a novel and brilliant musical production, and described as an Oriental-American Pastiche, will be presented at the Casino under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. by a local cast of about 30 members.

The principal characters in this production are Katchy Koo, a fakir; Maharajah of Huzoo, Dick Horton, an East Indian Romeo and collector of antiques; Harry Bradshaw, a musical comedian; Mrs. Chattie-Gaddin, a rich American widow; Dolly, her daughter; Prudence, another character; Seebah, widow of Wizard; Urahah, High-Priestess of the Temple; Beulah, a slave; Chin-Chin Fow, Chinese wife of Maharajah; Brajilata, Brazilian wife of Maharajah; Patsy Kilduff, Irish wife of Maharajah; La Belle Elvise, French wife of the Maharajah.

The story told is that of an American aviator who was lost in India and made quadrants as an oriental fakir.

The local cast that will put on the play under the direction of the Rogers Frothing Commission will be headed by Dr. Frank Carroll as the Maharajah; Asa Wagstaff as Dick Horton; Carroll Foss as Katchy Koo; Mrs. Patsy Roberts as Mrs. Chattie-Gaddin; Miss Elizabeth Leiland as Prudence; Miss Pauline Collins as Dolly.

The date of the local presentation of Katchy-Koo will be about January 24th. The proceeds are for Y. W. C. A. work. The cast is every member of which has already won amateur stage laurels in Bar Harbor and one which, judging from rehearsal, will do well with the new production.

BOARD TO DECIDE BASEBALL QUESTION

Proposed New Association Principal Topic at Meeting Monday Evening

The first meeting of the Board of Trade for 1925 will be held Monday evening at 7:30. At this time a large attendance is desired in order that all shades of opinion may be represented when the question of baseball for 1925 comes before the Board. A Director of the Board of Trade, speaking at the meeting said:

It has been suggested that a base ball organization be formed outside of the Board of Trade for the more convenient conduct of that sport.

The question now arises as to what extent the Board of Trade will contribute money for the support of base ball. Opportunity will be given to discuss the question at the meeting January 5th.

Not only is it urged that all members be present for the base ball feature of the program, but it is urged that all members of directors a loyalty to which they are entitled to inspire them to do their best work.

The Board of Trade belongs to Bar Harbor—it is your organization. Without it you would not have met with success in securing the Reading Room. It is the business of the Board to make profitable Dollar Day and many other beneficial duties.

When you need such an organization you need a live one. As, for instance, the assistance it gave in having secured the continuance of the work on the Green Mountain Automobile Road. It is the business of the Board of Trade to make a real factor in Bar Harbor's business life.

MADE BIG CUT IN PARK ROAD CREW

Drills and Blacksmith Shops Shut Down

25 MEN WORKING

Big Crew Will be Put On as Early as Work Can be Done To Advantage

There has been considerable reduction during the past two weeks in the crew employed on the third section of Lafayette National Park motor road, now under construction. The unusually the autumn weather made it possible to complete all the driving for about 1000 feet beyond Bubble Pond. The men employed on the units and for the blacksmith shop have been laid off for the present. There are now about 15 men employed on construction work, six on forestry work and six on cuttings for the road. Work on this section is largely that of handling soil and cannot be handled advantageously during the winter months as can ledge work, like that of last winter on the second section.

Present conditions are ideal for hauling out boulders to be used as coping on this work is progressing exceedingly well. The present crew of 25 will be kept on as long as the work can be done to advantage and as soon as possible in the spring the crew will be increased to 30 or more as was the case during the autumn.

The fact that the 3000 foot section beyond Bubble Pond is 90 per cent graded indicates the progress that has been made in recent months.

It is estimated that there will be an unusually large amount of road work under way in the early spring. Work on this section must be resumed as soon as possible and it is expected that work on the mountain summit road will begin at approximately the same time.

POSTPONE BUILDING OPENING

Examination of Young Children Shows Large Number of Measles Cases in Town

Following a conference of the school authorities, the superintendent and grade principal a medical inspection was held at the Health Building on Monday morning the first day of the winter term. At its close only 25 pupils out of the 120 were found to be eligible for further attendance at present either because of symptoms of measles or exposure to them. The school will assemble again next Monday morning when another medical inspection will be held and when it can be determined how many more, if any, the school must be closed. Since Board announced on Monday also that the Otter Creek school had closed, with two pupils out of 16 ill with measles. It is believed that this action will stop further spread here and that by next week the situation in town will have cleared up to some extent at least.

MISS SARAH HALL APPOINTED

Miss Sarah Hall of Augusta has been appointed to teach in the High School as assistant in the Home Economics department. Miss Hall takes the place of Miss Gladys Smith of Washington, D. C. who on account of illness in her family was unable to return from the Christmas recess. Miss Hall is a native of Augusta, a graduate of Oney High School and of Farmington Normal School in the class of 1921. She comes to Bar Harbor with the highest recommendations. She has taught for two years before coming here a year in Manchester and one in Fairfield.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will meet on Monday, January 5 at 2:30.

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