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STATE PARK COMMISSION.

Invites Gifts of Points of Natural Beauty or Historic Association.

To the Editor: The creation of the State Park Commission by the last legislature is a step toward the preservation of wild land, beauty spots and places of historic interest in Connecticut for the use of the whole people. Not many years ago the public was indifferent to the matter, inasmuch as there seemed to be an abundance of such land and the owners thereof were not disposed to prevent the public from making use of it.

To-day the situation is changed. These lands have been largely bought by wealthy people and the public use thereof restricted, if not altogether prohibited. There are many tracts of land, of little use for other purposes, which have been for years the playgrounds of the people, but which have now become the private property of residents of other states.

Our people welcomed such acquisitions when they were comparatively few in number, but they have so increased as to alarm those who see in this development a menace to the public good. It looks as though it would be but a very few years before the best of such tracts would be beyond the hope of public acquisition without heavy expense and prolonged litigation, if indeed that condition has not already arrived.

The effort to save the state from this undesirable situation has taken the shape of an appointment of a State Park Commission, with powers to purchase or receive by gift, properties which should be preserved for their aesthetic or historic interest.

Unfortunately, the impoverished condition of the State's treasury prevented an adequate appropriation being made for the use of the Commission. It is therefore not in a position to acquire by purchase any large or expensive tracts, no matter how desirable they may be. However, the power vested in the Commission of receiving gifts and devices in behalf of the State affords a splendid opportunity for public-spirited men and women to become benefactors for all time of the people of Connecticut and nearby states.

Already one such gift has been made. The top of Mt. Tom, near West Morris, Litchfield County, was recently deeded to the State for park purposes by the estate of the late Chas. H. Senff of New York City. It is now in charge of the State Forester pending transfer to the Commission.

There are undoubtedly many others who are in a position to assist in the work of preserving for the use of present and future generations the many points of natural beauty and historic association in which the State abounds. This object may be attained by gift or bequest to the Park Commission, which by the permanent character of its organization assures the donors that their wishes will be properly and effectively carried out.

The names of the members of the Commission are given below and communications may be addressed to any of them.

Edward E. Bradley, New Haven, president; E. H. Wilkins, Middletown, secretary; Lucius F. Robinson, Hartford; Herman H. Chapman, New Haven; John E. Calhoun, Cornwall; John O. Fox, Putnam; Walter O. Filley, New Haven.

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Sum men calm and painted the bannistirs in our house yestidday and today they wasent dry yet and if you put yure hand awn them wile you was kumming down stares you wished you hadent, and this afternoon the fellos was setting awn our frunt steps and they awl startid to tell wat they was good at, Sid Hunt saying he cood do the street in 6 jumps sum days and Bert Watsin saying he cood chin himself 4 times, only noboddy evvir saw him do it, and Puds Simkins saying he cood awlmost bend a crab, and Puds sissey cuzzin Persey, having awn a noo wite soot and looking moar sissey than evvir, sed, Well, I can slide down the bannisters kwicker than Puds, enyhow, Sam Krawss timed us yestidday and I beet Puds evvry time.

Its a wundir you woodent brag about it, sed Puds.

Well I bet you coodent slide down 3 flites without stopping I sed.

Well I bet I cood, bekause I have sed Persey.

I bet you cant slide down ours, I sed.

I bet I can, sed Persey, and then awl the fellos went in our house up to the 3rd floar and Persey got awn the bannistirs in his noo wite soot and startid to slide down, me beeing the ony wun that noo the bannistirs wasent dry yet, but wen he was haff way down the ferst flite I whispered to the rest of the fellows, G, fellos, the bannistirs is awl full of paint, it wont do a thing to that wite soot. Meening it wood do a thing, and awl the fellos startid to make a noise as if they thawt it was a grate joak, wich it was, awl saying, keep it up Persey, keep it up yure doing fine.

And wen Persey got to the end of the first flite he startid to push himself alawn till he got to ware the secind flite startid, saying, Wats the mattir with these bannistirs, thare sticky, noboddy saying wat was the mattir with them, awl the fellos jest kuming down stares alawnside of him to see him do it, saying, keap it up, Persey, keap it up, wich Persey did, it being so dark kuming down stares we coodent see wat his wite soot looked like till he got awl the way down, not looking like a wite soot at awl eny moar, and awl the fellos startid to laff like enything, Sid Hunt saying, G, Persey, you look like a big piece of salt wattir taffy. Wich he did awn akkount of the stripes, and he looked at himself and startid to kry, beeing such a dood he hates to be a little derty, mutch less awl derty, and he ran hoam, Sid Hunt saying, G, I bet he'll ketch it, me not saying enything awn akkount of jest happening to think that Id ketch it myself wen pop saw the empty marks awn the bannistirs.

Wich wen pop saw them I did ketching it ware I usually ketch it.

ALL ULSTER IS READY TO FIGHT IF HOME RULE BILL IS PASSED

New York, Dec. 23—According to the Duke of Manchester, who arrived yesterday on board the George Washington, if the Home Rule bill is passed in Great Britain all Ulster will be turned into an armed camp.

"They have been preparing for this for a long time," said the Duke. "There are 100,000 Orangemen enrolled now and 80,000 are armed and trained. If home rule becomes a fact there will be war. I think, however, there will be a compromise.

"A Protestant can have no voice now in the government in the South of Ireland. We are determined that no such condition shall prevail in the North. Sir William Carson's army will be ready to uphold the rights of the Orangemen.

"This whole affair is a matter of religious opinion. The feeling is there, has been for centuries and it cannot be eradicated."

The Duke said that if there were trouble in the North of Ireland he would return at once and join the Orange army.

MILFORD MAN PICKED AS RHODES SCHOLAR

The selection of a Rhodes scholar to Oxford university, England, from Connecticut, has been made in the person of Scott Hurtt Paradise, a senior in Yale college. The committee of award consisted of President Hadley of Yale, President Shanklin of Wesleyan, and President Luther of Trinity.

Mr. Paradise was born in Milford, Conn., the son of a graduate of Yale. His preparation was received at the Medford (Mass.) high school and at Phillips academy, Andover. At Yale he has maintained high scholarship standing throughout the course, has held the Scott Hurtt scholarship for two years, and now holds one of the Lispenard Stewart Witherbee scholarships.

He has been a member of the university football squad for two years, and has taken part in other forms of athletics. He is an editor of the Yale Literary magazine, chairman of the Banner-Pot Pourri board, and is a member of the Elizabethan club, Psi Upsilon fraternity and Wolf's Head.

Santiago, Chile.—The minister of finance introduced in Congress a measure to establish a national reserve fund to handle exchange operations and the issue of bank notes.

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