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EDITORIAL

THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK MOVEMENT

In the month of March, the Board of Editors decided to devote the entire April number to the Great Smoky Mountain Park Project. Col. D. C. Chapman kindly agreed to furnish the cuts and members of the Academy were asked to write articles on certain scientific phases of the Great Smokies. Unfortunately the cuts could not be released at that time and the April issue was put off until suitable illustrations could be obtained. Some of them are now available and the decision was made to go ahead with the publication.

The editor regrets the delay in getting this number to the members of the Academy but feels sure that our action will meet with the approval of members of our society.

It is with pride that we send out this April number. The articles (save one) have been written by experts in their fields of research and will prove valuable for future reference. The first number laid special emphasis on Reelfoot as a place for an Experiment Station in Biology; the July JOURNAL was devoted largely to the work of the State Archæological Society; and Vol. I, No. 2, gives to all members of the Academy a splendid forum of articles on the Great Smokies from a scientific standpoint.

PRESENT STATUS OF THE PARK MOVEMENT

LETTER FROM COL. CHAPMAN TO THE EDITOR

You ask about the present status of the park movement. No further action by Congress is necessary. The bill which passed the last session of Congress with unanimous consent, reads as follows:

"That when title to lands within the areas hereinafter referred to shall have been vested in the United States in fee simple, they shall be and are hereby establishd, dedicated, and set apart as public parks for the benefit and enjoyment of the people. . . . the tract of land . . . to be known as the Shenandoah National Park . . . and the tract of land to be known as the Great Smoky Mountains National Park."

The Act further provides that "When one hundred, fifty thousand acres, which in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, is acceptable, shall have been deeded to the United