

WPA PUTS LARGE NUMBER TO WORK; GOAL IS EXCEEDED

Mrs. O'Berry Receives Another Large Allotment of Relief Funds.

LIQUOR STORES SAID TO CAUSE DRUNKEN DRIVING

Youth Projects Authorized; Hancock Has Politicians Guessing; Our Weekly Review of State News Events.

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Raleigh, Nov. 25.—The State WPA office exceeded its quota or goal of placing 34,000 unemployed persons to work by November 20 and is continuing to approve projects. In addition to farm-to-market roads, school and community grading and improvements, sewing rooms and other projects, numbers have been approved in many counties for community sanitation. While Director George W. Coan Jr. was putting them to work, Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, relief administrator, received from Washington last week \$207,000 for direct relief for the last half of this month. It was a few days behind and plans were being made to close up the offices. Even though many are being given jobs, still the drain of direct relief is not diminishing much, Mrs. O'Berry saying many families do not have workers and need help.

43 LOSE LICENSES

A list of 43 North Carolina automobile drivers who have lost their licenses because of driving while intoxicated, automatically revoked under the new drivers' license law, has been made public by Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell. A check of the 43 names shows only two reside in the western section, one Greensboro and one Charlotte, while all of the others are in the east, most of them in the 17 counties in which liquor stores are operating. Capt. Charles A. Farmer, of the State Highway Patrol, predicts that 300 licenses will be revoked by the end of November, and cites that drunken drivers are increasing, and especially in the counties in which liquor is sold legally.

YOUTH PROJECTS

Four distinct types of youth projects have been authorized by Washington, which, C. E. McIntosh, State Director of the National Youth Administration, estimates, will provide employment for 3,900 youths. The types and estimated number they will employ are recreational and community projects, 2,100; rural projects, 1,000; public service activities projects, 600; research projects, 200. Mr. McIntosh was called to Washington Tuesday for a conference of youth directors of the Southeastern district and upon his return expects to get the new program under way, probably starting this week.

HEADS CRIPPLE LEAGUE

Frank A. Barber, Asheville, was elected president of the N. C. League for Crippled Children at the organization meeting here Saturday, called (Continued on Page 3)

Illness Proves Fatal To Miss Essie Henson

Miss Essie Annola Henson, member of one of the county's most prominent families, died at her home at Sherwood on the 19th, following a long illness with an incurable ailment.

Funeral services were conducted from the Henson's Chapel Methodist Church last Thursday morning, by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Parker and interment followed in the neighboring cemetery, Reins-Sturdivant. Funeral Home being in charge of the arrangements.

Surviving are the bereaved parents, and the following brothers and sisters, all of whom reside in or near the home neighborhood: Earl, Gird, Oak, Kate, Buster and Doc Henson. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Henson and spent her life in Watauga county, where she had become attached to a large number of admiring friends. The many friends who gathered for the obsequies and the floral offerings gave striking testimony to the esteem in which the fine young woman was held in her home neighborhood.

Village Mail Carrier Tenders Resignation

Mr. Spencer Miller, popular postman on the village delivery service recently tendered his resignation to the postal authorities on account of impaired health and pressure of other business, and Mr. Roy Hagaman, the substitute carrier, has delivered the mail since.

Mr. Miller has served the city as letter carrier for the past seven years and in closing the long period of satisfactory service, expressed full appreciation for the many courtesies shown him by the patrons. He is now devoting his full time to the management of his trucking system, which has terminals in Winston-Salem, Bristol, and Johnson City.

A Colorado University student caught drinking is forced to attend Sunday School for three years. Yes, every Sunday.

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WATAUGA TO HAVE FARM STRUCTURES

Agricultural Construction Program Is Approved; Watauga Is Included.

That Watauga County is to have an agricultural building for county agent use, and as a center for farm gatherings, appeared certain Wednesday as Comptroller General McCarl approved the expenditure of \$800,000 works progress money for an agricultural construction program in North Carolina.

The farm administration rehabilitation division predicted this approval would be extended ultimately to similar projects in all southern states estimated to cost approximately six millions of dollars. The North Carolina projects include agricultural buildings in 60 counties, including Watauga, to cost \$479,200. The North Carolina program was sponsored by the extension division of the State Agricultural College. County Agent Collins, of Watauga county, has been actively interested in getting a project of this kind through, and the building which has resulted will provide additional space for his activities, which have been multiplied by the agricultural adjustment programs. It is also gathered that the structure will provide space for the home demonstration agent, assistant county agent, as well as for an assembly hall where farmers of the county can hold their meetings and exchange ideas. \$7,821 has been set aside for each individual building. It is presumed that details leading to the actual construction portion of the program are soon to be completed.

County Teachers To Meet Here Dec. 7th

The teachers of the county will meet Saturday, December 7, at 2 o'clock in the auditorium of the Demonstration School. The following program will be rendered:

- Elementary Department
 - Silent Reading—Jane Eliason.
 - Demonstration Lesson—Ruth Mast.
 - Modern Methods in Teaching Reading—Mary Lee Bingham.
 - Remedial Instruction in Reading—Mrs. Howard Edminston.
- High School Department
 - How to Build and Care for a High School Library—Mrs. Claude Pysatte.
 - Teaching Pupils How to Study—George L. Sawyer.
 - How to Create Interest in Parallel Reading—Jennie Love.

Caldwell Man Named To State Road Body

Governor Ehringhaus Tuesday night announced the appointment of E. F. Allen, of Lenoir, as a member of the State Highway and Public Works Commission to succeed Luther P. Hodges of Spray, resigned.

Mr. Allen, who is chairman of the board of commissioners of Caldwell county, will take office December 6, at the next meeting of the commission, the Governor said.

"Mr. Allen has been prominent in building and loan circles in the state, and was recently drafted to serve as chairman of the Caldwell commissioners," the chief executive said. "I am delighted that he has consented to serve the state on the Highway and Public Works Commission. He will, of course, resign as commissioner in Caldwell."

The President's Proclamation Asks for Day of Thanksgiving

Pursuant to tradition President Roosevelt has designated today as a day of national thanksgiving, and sees a "closer fellowship of mutual interest and common purpose," at the same time calling upon America to "bind the wounds of others, strive against disorder and aggression, encourage the lessening of distress among people and advance peaceful trade and fellowship."

The full text of the proclamation follows: "I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, president of the United States of America, hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-eighth of November, 1935, as a day of national thanksgiving."

"In traversing a period of national stress our country has been knit together in a closer fellowship of mutual interest and common purpose. We can well be grateful that more and more of our people understand and seek the greater good of the greater number. We can be grateful that selfish purpose of personal gain, at our neighbor's loss, less strongly asserts itself. We can be grateful that peace at home is strengthened by a growing willingness to common counsel. We can be grateful that our peace with other nations continues through recognition of our peaceful purpose."

"But in appreciation of the blessings that divine providence has bestowed upon us in America, we shall not rejoice as the Pharisee rejoiced. War and strife still live in the world. Rather must America by example and in practice held to bind the wounds of others, strive against disorder and aggression, encourage the lessening of distress among people and advance peaceful trade and fellowship."

"The future of many generations of mankind will be greatly guided by our acts in these present years. We have a new trial."

"Let us then on the day appointed offer our devotions and our humble thanks to Almighty God and pray that the people of America will be guided by him in helping their fellowmen."

STROKE IS FATAL TO DR. COTTRELL

Native of Watauga County Is Buried At Elizabethton, Tenn., Tuesday.

Dr. John L. Cottrell, 69 years old, native Watauga but for many years a practicing physician and leading citizen of Elizabethton, Tenn., died at his home there Sunday, following a stroke of paralysis suffered 10 days previous.

Funeral services were conducted from the Elizabethton Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. Bowden, and interment was in the new Memorial cemetery. Traffic was blocked by the large crowd attending the obsequies and the floral offering was one of the most profuse ever seen in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Cottrell, Mrs. L. N. Perkins, R. W. Pulliam and R. T. Greer were among the people from Boone present for the services.

Surviving is the widow and two sons, John L. Jr., and Joe Parks. Dr. Cottrell of Boone, is a first cousin to deceased.

Dr. Cottrell was born in Watauga county, the son of the late Susan Cottrell, and practiced medicine here 35 years ago. He had also practiced in Mountain City before locating in Elizabethton many years ago. His medical career had covered a span of over forty years and he became an eminent practitioner. He was an active member and deacon in the Baptist Church, a Mason, and citizen of rare worth to his community. He leaves many friends in Watauga county.

CHUTE JUMP ENDS LIFE OF GIBBONS

Parachute Professional Killed Friday; Was Well Known In This City.

Tommy Gibbons, professional parachute jumper and well-known to Boone people, where he had appeared different times with a flying circus, was instantly killed at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon while making an exhibition jump at Roseboro, near Clinton. Information is that the parachute failed to open until he was within a few feet of the ground. He was about 25 years old.

The body was returned to the home of deceased in the state of Connecticut for interment.

Gibbons had been appearing in exhibition jumps from an airplane in the vicinity of Clinton for several weeks, and had last appeared in Boone with pilot John Crawford last June. On two previous occasions he had spent time in Boone, where he had a number of friends. It is understood here that he started his hazardous career at Roosevelt Field, New York, when a mere lad, and that Charles Levine, of trans-Atlantic fame, became sympathetic and secured for him a job about the hangars. Since that time he had constantly followed activities connected with aviation and for the past several years had won a livelihood by floating from the clouds under the silk umbrella, as the climax to barnstorming airplane exhibitions.

IMMENSE APPLE

Mrs. Frank Critcher has an apple of the Wolf River variety which weighs one and three-quarter pounds and which measures 15 inches in circumference. The overgrown specimen came from a tree at the Critcher home in Boone.

BIDS FOR JANITOR WORK

Bids will be received by Postmaster W. G. Hartzog up until Saturday evening, November 30, for services as janitor at the Boone postoffice. Proposals are to be submitted in the amount per month wanted by the applicant.

To Begin Work on Laurel Creek Road This Winter; \$50,000 Set Aside by State

BULLETIN!

At press time a coroner's jury had just completed an investigation of the mysterious death of Ellis Moody, prominent citizen of Sherwood, and found that he had come to his death by a gunshot wound inflicted by his own hand.

Mr. Moody was found in his chair at home Wednesday afternoon, with the wound in his head, and while no note was left it is believed that worry over a loud deal precipitated the firing of the fatal shot.

More complete details concerning the tragedy cannot be made available for this issue.

ICKES URGES ALL POSSIBLE EFFORT ON PARK HIGHWAY

Secretary Interior Says December 15 Deadline For WPA Projects.

MORE SPEED IN GETTING CONSTRUCTION STARTED

Bids Received on Two Additional Stretches in North Carolina; By Dec. 15, 15 Miles to Deep Gap To Be Contracted.

Secretary of the Interior Ickes stated Friday that the December 15th deadline for getting WPA projects under contract applied to the six million dollars recently reallocated for the parkway connecting the Great Smoky Mountains and Shenandoah National Parks.

If this order stands it means that there will have to be more speed shown on getting construction under contract than has been displayed to date. According to figures furnished by the national park service contracts involving approximately \$365,000 have been let.

Bids have been received on two additional stretches in North Carolina and the national park service has been waiting to award the contract pending arrival of bids. These involved \$387,169 and \$364,040.

Deaths in Washington. The deaths are understood to have arrived in Washington today and these contracts should be let within the next day or two.

By December 15 the park service expects to have awarded the contract for construction of 15 miles of parkway between Horse Gap and Deep Gap. The cost of this is to be around \$500,000. If the Cherokee Indian tribe accepts the latest right-of-way proposal by Secretary of Interior Ickes, one having been made within the last few days the park service will be in position to award contracts on 6.3 miles of parkway out of Soco gap by December 15, it was explained. This construction is expected to cost around \$450,000.

Secretary Ickes' announcement today that whatever amount of the \$6,000,000 parkway allocation is not under contract by December is to be (Continued on Page 8)

ACTION HIGHWAY BODY FIRST STEP ON BIG PROJECT

Finished Twelve-Mile Road Expected to Cost Four Hundred Thousand.

COMMISSIONER GREATLY INTERESTED IN PROJECT

Highway Will Connect Two States And Be of Approved Type; Survey and Federal Approval To Be Forthcoming.

Fifteen thousand dollars in state highway money has definitely been apportioned to the construction of the Laurel Creek Highway it was learned Wednesday morning from Commissioner R. Ross Sigmon who expressed belief that it would be possible to secure a survey, gain approval from the Federal Bureau of Roads, and begin actual moving of dirt during the present winter.

The highway official explained that if and when the twelve mile project is completed from Sugar Grove to the Tennessee line, something like four hundred thousand dollars will have been expended in its construction. Off-hand estimates have it that on some sections of the road, which it is understood will be a modern high-speed thoroughfare, will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000 a mile.

Mr. Sigmon explained that the original \$50,000 allocation would be used for grading exclusively and expressed the belief that work would likely begin at Sugar Grove. When questioned as to the probable date at which actual construction might start, the official said that following the apportionment, a survey was next in order, a more or less routine approval was to be secured from the United States Bureau of Public Roads, and that subsequently bids could be received for the actual construction of the first portion of the road. Understanding is that the Federal government is placing no money on the construction but that approval of the location is sought, on account of the fact that the thoroughfare, when completed, will likely be adopted as a Federal route. Mr. Sigmon thought it highly probable that dirt could be moved on the grade during the present winter.

Much Interest

Mr. Sigmond stated that he had a deep interest in the construction of the important thoroughfare and other information is to the effect that this interest is being shared in a large way by Highway Chairman Waynick. Although it is manifestly impossible for an official to state the date when a project of this magnitude may be completed, the Commissioner did suggest that the expenditure of fifty thousand dollars on a (Continued on Page 8)

CAROLINA STORE DEAL IS CLOSED

Grocery Establishment Bought By South Carolinian. Two Located Here.

Agreement for the sale of the Carolina chain of retail grocery establishments was made in Catawba county superior court last week, and R. E. Ebert of Columbia, S. C., will be the new owner, the consideration involving a cash sum of \$110,000. The transaction will not be completed until about December 1, pending completion of an audit of the enterprise which has been operated for several years as a receivership by R. M. Winborne.

Information is that the purchase price will pay all indebtedness, all costs and receiver's charges, and leaves a net balance to the holders of preferred stock of about 20 per cent.

The Carolina chain is comprised of 33 stores and two warehouses and employs 100 people. Two of the establishments are located in Boone, and information is that there will be no change in operating personnel or in general policy.

The new owner is operator of the Home Stores in North and South Carolina, and is said to have a widespread and growing chain of stores.

LOCAL BANK WILL DISBURSE DIVIDEND

Payment of 10 Per Cent. November 30 Brings Total To 50 Per Cent.

The Watauga County Bank has received authorization from the State Commissioner of Banks and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, to pay to the preferred stockholders another ten per cent. dividend on their certificates as of November 30, together with accrued interest over a six months period. Next Saturday checks in the aggregate of \$21,800 will be ready for delivery to these shareholders in the old bank, and officials urge depositors to present their certificates when applying for checks, otherwise the money can't be transferred.

The new payment brings to an even 50 per cent. the amount paid to the preferred security-holders, since the reorganization of the local financial institution, and this record of liquidating the obligations of the old bank has proven particularly pleasing to those interested.

The reorganized bank is described as moving along in normal fashion, increased deposits are being made and the outlook is believed to be a bright one.

Assistant County Agent Transferred

Mr. E. R. Daniel, assistant county agricultural agent, acting under the Tennessee Valley Authority, has won a promotion from the TVA and has been recalled to headquarters at Knoxville. County Agent Collins, however, states that he has information that a new assistant will be sent him by the first of the month.