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ROAD COMMISSION REJECTS ALL BIDS FOR GRADING

Bids Said To Be Too High On Pro-
jects In Notla and Beaver-
dam Townships

The Cherokee County Road Commission met in regular session here the first of the week, and among the more important matters transacted besides the regular routine business was the rejecting of all bids on the two projects of road grading, one in Hothouse Township and the other in Beaverdam Township. It is understood that the bids were rejected on the grounds that they were too high for this class of work, and the county will do the grading. The projects in question include a road from the Dittmore Branch on the Notla-Shoal Creek road to the Hothouse Township line, which is a part of the road known as the Hothouse road in Notla Township; and the road in Beaverdam Township, beginning at what is known as the United Gap on the Tennessee-North Carolina line to the Appalachia road near Shuler's Creek. The amount of the rejected bids is not known.

It is understood that the Commission believes the grading can be done for considerably less than the bids called for, and thus save the county considerable money. The Commission is composed of A. J. Rice, Chairman; D. S. Russell, Secretary; W. F. Hill, E. E. Dockery, Geo. O. Crawford, and J. S. Evans. H. D. Smith is County Engineer.

Good Roads Boosters Gather At Bryson City And Discuss Plans

BYRON CITY,

June 3.—A banquet and stage organization meeting was held at Bryson City on Saturday night, at Frye's Inn, with Roscoe Marvel, president of the association, acting as toast master.

This meeting was a great success bringing together road enthusiasts from many places. Coming from Georgia, as far as Atlanta, Maconville, Lawrenceville, and Cleveland, as they did from Asheville, Canton, Blittler, Andrews and Murphy, North Carolina.

These people told of the work that had been done and of the road work now under construction. They told of the condition of the roads they had traveled over on their trip here and of the beautiful scenery. It was the wish of the association that the district road commission, Mr. J. L. Hall, would finally settle the links to be constructed on Route 10, which has been incorporated in the Appalachian Scenic Highway, as soon as possible. There has been much done and as soon as a few more miles are completed, there will be no doubt that tourists coming to Western North Carolina will enjoy in comfort the ride through the beauty of the great Smokies, which cannot be surpassed in America. Several of the speakers said that they had seen nothing in the Alps to exceed the natural beauty of this section.

Judge T. D. Bryson gave the welcome to the visitors. Capt. T. V. G. who spends all of his time going over the highway and organizing the interested in the development of a section, told of his work and of the places where people are active. Senator Bonnell H. Stone, of Georgia, a man who has had a wonderful amount of experience in forestry work, said that he had been looking for a long time of the people to be seen through the Nantahala Gorge, but now that he had seen it, he knows that his expression had not been adequate. He also spoke of a view which is seen as one goes around the bend into Almond, and said that this was the most beautiful view he had ever seen and that he did not know there was anything like it in America. Other remarks were made by Mrs. Robertson of Burnsville, N. C. She told the condition of the road going in Burnsville twenty-five years ago. It became necessary to take out the bones and take the buggy to pass log wagons they met.

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TORRID WEATHER CLAIMS VICTIMS EAST AND WEST

Continued drought also causing Mur-
phy's Water Supply to
Run Low

Nearly half a hundred people have died and hundreds of others have been rendered prostrate as a result of the intense heat which has swept the country from East to West since Sunday, according to reports of the daily press. Although in some sections the violent rain storms have occurred, weather observers could foresee no break in the temperature for the next 48 hours. The temperature of Washington, D. C., the center of high temperatures, registered Wednesday at 99 degrees which is said to be the pace set for the entire country.

The continued drought is being felt throughout this entire section, and especially in Murphy as the water supply is running considerably low. Mr. J. L. Hall, water supt. of the town, reports that quite a number of complaints have been made relative to the lime or peculiar taste of the water for the past few days. Mr. Hall says that this is due to the fact that the water is getting considerably low and that quite a quantity is being used for the mixing of concrete for use on the road now being laid through town. This has caused, he says, the settlements in the pipes being disturbed by the increased flow of water through them.

It is understood that the road contractor will quit using water from the city mains after this week.

County Commissioners In Regular Session

The Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, composed of T. W. Axley, chairman; W. T. Holland and W. J. Martin, met in regular session here the first of the week.

Besides the transaction of the regular routine business, it was brought to the attention of the commissioners that no ruling had been made as to the outcome of the stock law election in the Brown Hill precinct of Beaverdam Township, which election was held sometime during 1924, and decision had been postponed by the old board from time to time, the present board not knowing that one had been held until it was brought to their attention Monday.

A notice is being carried elsewhere in these columns calling the attention of those interested either pro or con to meet with the commissioners at the next regular session the first Monday in July, as some decision is expected to be made relative to the question at that time.

Clay Farmers Raising Poultry, Says Anderson

Hayesville, May 29.—The farmers of Clay County have turned their attention to poultry raising to a great extent this spring, according to announcement given out by County Agent Willard R. Anderson. Mr. Anderson's statement continues: "As early as the first weeks in March you could hear the baby chicks cheeping in the postoffice and each week it seemed to increase. The interest grew so strong in April that farmers voluntarily brought orders in for over 1,000 baby chicks to the Farmers Co-Operative Association. "The farmers do not seem to be satisfied with their motley flocks. There seems to be a strong spirit among the farmers to do away with all the chickens that they now have on their farms, replacing them with one of the standard breeds and they are willing to pay for the very best blood that can be had. "The Farmers Co-Operative Association, realizing what could be done with poultry in Clay County, put on an extensive drive for standard poultry throughout the county. This effort on the part of the Farmers Co-Operative Association has placed 15,000 baby chicks in the county, not counting the chicks that had been previously bought. The secretary of the Farmers Co-Operative Association, Mr. Fred O. Scroggs, and Willard R. Anderson, county agent, visited the large hatcheries in Knoxville, Tenn., and made an advantageous arrangement with a hatchery whereby the farmers received a great reduction on the baby chicks bought and they are to reap the benefit of the advertising of this hatchery in disposing of their chickens. The terms made were as follows: All the pullets that Clay County cares to dispose of will be sold to the hatchery at ten weeks old, Mediterranean breeds, at 65c American breeds at 70c each. The Farmers Co-operative Association bought in Knoxville at wholesale prices at carload rates, a supply of chickens for feed these poultrymen, and are distributing it to the farmers as they need it. "On returning home the county agent stopped in Murphy and wired the director's office and the Extension Poultry Department office for a poultry specialist. On Monday when the chickens began to arrive Mr. Warden came on the scene in Murphy and assisted in carrying the chickens to Clay County in good order. Mr. Warden has spent the entire week in Clay County with the county agent, he has been on the job from 7 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock in the evening, even going so far as to calling some of them out of bed at night to see if they were prepared for their chicks, and to assist them to make preparation for their chicks. "His general work has been to teach them how to brood their chicks

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MUCH INTEREST BEING SHOWN IN REVIVAL

Rev. Rauschenberg Delivering Mighty
Good Messages Twice
Daily

The revival services now in progress at the Presbyterian Church are attracting large crowds and greater interest is being manifested with each service. As word goes out of the better services and the splendid messages that are being delivered, more and more people are coming out to hear them.

Rev. F. Rauschenberg, superintendent of Home Missions of the Asheville Presbytery, is doing the preaching, and his sermons are on a high plane, instructive, inspiring, and each one carries a gospel message for everyone.

One of the interesting features of the services is the counting of the representation of different denominations. Baptists have been in the majority at practically every service, with honors about equally divided between the Presbyterians and Methodists. One reason assigned for this is that the Baptist constituency within the town is considerably larger than either of the other denominations.

Rev. Rauschenberg's messages are all evangelical and of interest to all denominations alike, as is attested to by the fact that denominations other than Presbyterians have been in the majority at practically every service.

Another feature of the meeting is the teaching of the Shorter Catechism every morning from 9 to 10 o'clock. This catechism is non-denominational and it is hoped in this way to teach those uniting with the church and any who might be interested, some knowledge of the Bible.

The services will continue twice daily through the 14th of this month.

Last Sunday morning Mr. Rauschenberg's opening topic for discussion was "Prayer." The topic used Sunday night was "The Greater Works of the Believer," or "The Mission of the Church." Monday he spoke on "The Christian Building." Tuesday, "The Riches and Poverty of Christ," and "The Rule of Discipleship." Wednesday, "The Compassion of Christ," and "The Conversion of Zacchaeus." Thursday, "A White Stone," and "What Christ Means to the Soul." Friday, "Worry," and "How Children are Like Bad Pencils."

The theme for discussion Sunday morning, June 7th, will be "The Christian's Safety."

Talc Producers Once More Looking Toward Rich Western Field

Organization of the Cherokee Miners, Incorporated, of Biltmore, with the announcement that it holds 1000 acres of talc lands, promises a revival of the industry of producing the true magnesium talc comparable to the resumption of activity in the Moore county field of pyrophyllite, the latter an aluminum silicate with many of the qualities of the mineral from which it takes its name "talc" but capable of being produced grades.

True talc was formerly produced in quantity in North Carolina chiefly Cherokee and Swain counties, although deposits have been working at Marshall in Madison County, and it has been found in Ashe and some other of the western counties. In 1890 it was an important industry, and a very large proportion of all the talc used in the country. With the development of the Gouverneur field in New York State, however, North Carolina talc mining declined in importance and practically ceased in 1920. It is known, however, that these are large quantities available over quite an area and renewed production in quantity may be reasonably looked for.

The true talc, or magnesium silicate, occurs in lenses and masses in connection with limestone metamorphosed into marble. In the process of metamorphism the silicates chiefly tremolite, are in turn altered into talc. As the mineral occurs in Western North Carolina, it is not infrequently found in pencils, half talc and half tremolite. It has been found from Hewitt's, in Swain County practically to the Georgia line, occurring along the edges of the marbles of the Notla iver Valley. It has also been reported recently at Peachtree Talc in commerce has from 50 to 75 well established uses, and these are constantly multiplying in connection with many kinds of manufacture. In the nineties it was used in quantity in the making of gas tips, but the decline in this has been more than compensated by newly developed uses. For instance, talc is an essential of modern roofing. Every automobile tire has called on the talc mine for necessary constituents. It is a filler for all grades of paper. In textiles, talc is used in dressing, coating, sizing and bleaching, in dyeing, dry polishing, etc. In soap it is a filler and constituent of soap compounds. It is an ingredient of asbestos shingles. In cotton rope, silk-making, paint manufacture it is a necessary aid. Even sheet asphalt needs its talc, a mineral so smooth and feathery that it serves almost as a lubricant—Natural resources.

Protect Your Tomatoes, Says Co. Agent Gray

"For the last few years we have been having some trouble in growing tomatoes in the mountain counties of Western North Carolina," said County Agent W. R. Gray in a statement issued the other day. The statement continues:

"To protect this crop the Department sent a man into this section to make tests and report on same. They find that the disease or the blight on tomatoes can be controlled very easily.

"This blight will destroy your entire crop of tomatoes and the disease will spread from farm to farm.

"When your plants are six inches high spray them with Bordeaux mixture and continue this until your crop is harvested at intervals of seven to ten days and you will eliminate the disease.

"If you have any insects on your plants add to this spray one and a half pounds of arsenate of lead to fifty gallons of water, or that proportion.

"You can get the bordeaux mixture and the arsenate of lead at any drug store and in Murphy you will find all you want at the Murphy Hardware; also the spray pumps that you will need."

MONUMENT TO VETS UNVEILED AT VICKSBURG

Col. J. H. Dillard Makes Presentation
For State—Unveiled By Asheville Woman

Featured by several addresses, the North Carolina monument to the valor of her sons who fought in the siege of Vicksburg during the War Between the States, was dedicated with formal exercises Monday morning, May 18, at the national military park at Vicksburg.

The monument was unveiled by Mrs. James G. Stikeleather, of Asheville, the daughter of Captain W. E. Weaver, one of the four veterans living who belonged to the 29th North Carolina Regiment, which took part in the siege, and by Miss Bessie Allen Thomas, of Winston-Salem.

Invocation was delivered by Professor King. The presiding officer, General Theodore F. Davidson, then introduced Col. John H. Dillard, of Murphy, who presented the monument to the government. Mr. Dillard was one of the leaders in the movement to have the North Carolina Legislature appropriate money to construct the monument.

General Davidson, who delivered the principal address, is the one surviving member of the Vicksburg-North Carolina Monument Commission, the other two having died since being appointed.

The Address of Col. John H. Dillard, in presenting the North Carolina monument to the government, is said to be his masterpiece. It follows:

"Captain Rigby of the Vicksburg National Park Commission, Veterans of the War Between the States, Daughters of the Confederacy, Sons of Veterans, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"I have been commissioned by the people of my native state, through their governor, to discharge that which is to me the delightful task of presenting to the United States, this beautiful memorial of the valor of her brave sons, who took part in the stirring scenes enacted on this spot, nearly sixty-two years ago. A sound canon of rhetoric forbids the introduction of an address by an apology, and while I shall make none, but shall present this task as best I can. I trust I may be permitted to say that I could wish that it had been laid upon one more capable than myself, of doing justice to the valor and motives of these brave men, and of giving expression to the great love, that the people of North Carolina bear towards the old Confederate Soldier.

"I desire, in the outset, to make grateful acknowledgement of our sense of obligation to Captain Rigby, but for whose kindly interest, we might still be in default, as regards this duty, for we remember that it was he who first called the attention of the members of our General Assembly of 1923, to the fact that ours was the only state whose sons took part in the battle of Vicksburg, which had not erected some memorial to their valor. Our neighbors have ever called us "slow"; we say we are only "conservative," but what we be, we are here at last, even if a bit tardy, and I tender to Captain Rigby, the sincere and hearty thanks of the people of North Carolina.

"Neither should we forget the splendid service of that loyal son of North Carolina, himself a gallant Confederate soldier, General Theodore F. Davidson, the only member of the committee, appointed by our General Assembly, to execute its will, who was spared to see its task completed. It was his good taste that selected that beautiful design, and it was due to his unselfish efforts, that this monument was erected, and to him also, I tender the thanks of our people, and assurance, of their grateful appreciation.

"The battle of Vicksburg has passed into history, and this is neither time nor occasion, to refer to it in any detail. Nearly sixty-two years ago, the Confederate forces, which had for sometime occupied this city, and which comprised men of the 29th 39th and 60th North Carolina regiments, decimated by disease and death, and weakened by famine, laid down their arms near the spot where we now stand, and while we might occupy all of our allotted time in recounting their wonderful endurance,

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