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3-STATES ROAD LINK INSPECTED

Highway Officials Take No Action on Pro- posed Project

A delegation of state highway officials visited Highlands Friday afternoon of last week and inspected the North Carolina link of the Three-States road with view to the possibility of hard-surfacing it.

The Three-States road, named so because it connects three states, North and South Carolina and Georgia, is one of the most important arteries of tourist traffic leading to Highlands. It is the most logical route to the popular mountain resort for a very large percentage of visitors from South Carolina, Georgia and other southern states.

Working on Georgia Link

Work is now steadily progressing on improvements to the Georgia link of the road and Highlands people are urging that the six-mile stretch from the Georgia line to Highlands be hard-surfaced. As yet, however, the North Carolina Highway and Public Works commission has taken no definite action on the project. A wide surfaced road already has been built over the South Carolina link of the highway, which connects Highlands with Walhalla, S. C. The North Carolina section is covered with loose crushed stone and stretches of the road are difficult to travel in bad weather.

Officials who inspected the road Friday were Capus M. Waynick, chairman of the commission; J. C. Walker, division engineer; P. L. Threkkled, assistant administrator of the eighth North Carolina district of the Works Progress Administration; R. G. Browning, state highway locating engineer; and Highway Commissioners Frank W. Miller, Ross M. Sigmon, Julian Wood and W. C. Woodard.

Officials Entertained

After the inspection tour the visiting officials were entertained in the evening at the Highlands Country Club. Representative residents of Highlands were present, including Scott Hudson, president of the Country Club; J. C. Mell, L. M. Brown, W. W. Sullivan, T. G. Harbison, W. W. Edwards, W. K. Stringer, Robert Tyre Jones, Jr., R. W. Crenshaw, F. H. Potts, and J. E. Potts.

Hold Reunion

Cunningham and Campbell Families Meet

The Cunningham-Campbell reunion was held Sunday, August 25, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Cunningham on Franklin Route 1. Approximately 75 relatives and friends were present.

After the picnic dinner on the lawn, the Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., pastor of the Franklin Methodist church and principal speaker for the occasion, spoke to the group.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: George Dowdle, president; W. R. Cunningham, vice president; Mrs. Rumby Ray, treasurer; and Mrs. W. R. Cunningham, secretary.

The meetings were organized several years ago in honor of the late "Aunt Sallie" Cunningham, the oldest member of the two families. She was a Campbell before her marriage.

Sheriff Slagle Wins Shooting Award

For the third time, Sheriff A. B. Slagle carried away top honors in the pistol shooting contest staged at the North Carolina Sheriffs' convention held this year at Hickory.

Mr. Slagle has won three first prizes and one second with his expert shooting.

Schools

Open at Franklin and Highlands Monday

A standard business course will be offered in the Franklin high school, which, with the elementary and Highlands consolidated school, will open Monday morning, September 2.

The business course, limited to about 25 students, will cover the entire field, according to G. L. Houk, principal.

Confirmation on an athletic instructor has not been received, and a decision regarding a football team will be made the early part of next week, Mr. Houk said.

Prior to the opening, carpenters and plumbers are working on the buildings, remodeling and repairing in several places.

TRIBUTES PAID REV. MR. ELLER

Baptist Pastor Leaving Monday To Assume New Charge

The Rev. Eugene R. Eller, former pastor of the First Baptist church of Franklin, plans to leave next Monday for Pelham, Ga., to become pastor of the First Baptist church of that town.

A farewell union service of the Franklin churches was held at the Baptist church Sunday night, when tributes of esteem and appreciation were paid Mr. and Mrs. Eller. With the church filled almost to overflowing, the Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., pastor of the Methodist church, and the Rev. Frank Bloxham, rector of St. Agnes Episcopal church, gave brief talks, and a letter was read from the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Presbyterian pastor, who was unable to attend on account of absence from town.

Ritchie To Preach

Pending the acceptance of a new pastor who has been called to the charge, services are planned each Sunday at the Franklin Baptist church. A. J. Ritchie, principal of the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee school, will conduct the morning service next Sunday at 11 o'clock, and the Rev. J. A. Bryson, of Columbia, Mo., has been invited to hold both the morning and evening services on Sunday, September 8. Evening services also are planned for next Sunday.

Resolutions Read

At the morning services last Sunday, marking the close of Mr. Eller's fourth year at Franklin, the following resolutions were read:

In the light of a realization that all human ties and relationships, however pleasant they may be, must ultimately be broken, we have

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MAN DROWNED AS DAM BREAKS

Highlands Man Loses His Life In Stream Near Pine Mountain

Funeral services for Velma A. Calloway, of Highlands, who was drowned Thursday afternoon, August 22, at Pine Mountain, nine miles from Highlands, were held at the home of his father, A. J. Calloway, at Norton, Jackson county, at 11 o'clock Friday morning. The Rev. C. R. McCarty, pastor of the Highlands Presbyterian church, officiated.

Mr. Calloway, who was 35 years old, was drowned when the dam of a small lake which he was building suddenly collapsed. He was standing on top of the dam attempting to remove some logs when the embankment gave way. His body was recovered by Charles Johnson and Bill Teague, both of Highlands, about a mile downstream more than an hour after he was drowned.

Surviving Mr. Calloway are his widow, his parents, a sister, Mrs. L. D. Woodard, of Boone, and other relatives of Highlands and vicinity.

WPA ENGINEER COMING MONDAY

The plan of financing public improvements under the Works Progress Administration will be discussed by Herman Plemmons, of Asheville, district WPA engineer, at a public meeting in the courthouse at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

All interested persons are invited to attend and anyone desirous of proposing a WPA project is requested to do so at this meeting. Members of the County Board of Commissioners have signified their intention of attending the meeting and it is thought likely that town officials of Franklin and Highlands also will be present or represented.

According to information received from Washington, it is highly important that any proposed WPA projects be submitted immediately, as deadlines for applications have been set.

Jack Hodson left for his home in Winston-Salem Saturday after a visit with his grandfather, Jack Cansler, Sr. and other relatives on Iotla.

Miss Audrey Conley left Saturday for Canton, where she will spend several days visiting her cousin, Mrs. R. V. Conley.

Dr. and Mrs. James M. Freeman, of Lavana, Ga., recently spent several days visiting Mrs. Freeman's sister, Mrs. W. L. Higdon, at her home on Main street and

Rices Leave

To Dismantle Macon Mica Plant in Few Weeks

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Rice and family left Thursday for Johnson City, Tenn., where they will make their home in the future and where Mr. Rice now has under construction a new mica grinding plant for the Southern Mica company. Mr. Rice is president and general manager of the company.

The company's grinding plant at the Iotla bridge will continue in operation for several weeks more, with Mr. Rice's father, J. E. Rice, in charge. When orders now on hand are filled, it was stated, the plant will be dismantled. Twenty to forty men have been employed by the company for some years in mining and manufacturing mica.

The elder Mr. Rice and his wife plan to leave Franklin the middle or latter part of September for Spruce Pines, where he will be in charge of operations at a new mine which will supply mica for the Johnson City plant.

JURY SUBMITS SCHOOL REPORT

Scores Water Supplies and Bad Sanitary Con- ditions

In a report submitted Friday to Judge Wilson Warlick, presiding judge, the Macon county Grand Jury deplored the sanitary conditions of a majority of the rural schools, as well as the conditions in the county building.

Dividing into groups, the jurors visited rural schools of the county and the various county buildings, and in their report laid special emphasis on the need for better sanitary conditions, pointing out that several schools had neither toilets nor water, while many had very poor sources for obtaining water.

In the Otto school, there were neither toilets nor water, as was the case at the Academy school, where the water, though available, was bad. Clark's Chapel and Lower Tesenta schools possessed no water, and that at Fair View, Watauga, Mountain Grove, Salem, Mashburn Branch, Patton, Union, Mulberry, Upper Tesenta, Hickory Knoll, Burningtown, Liberty, and Harmony was either bad and in a few cases, too far from the building.

As a whole, toilets in the schools were in bad condition, many having only one. Most of the buildings were in fair shape, though several were declared to be in bad condition, the Aquone school being in "very bad condition."

HIGHWAY WORK SEEN LIKELY

Prospects Bright for Early Start on Surfacing No. 286

After appearing before the State Highway and Public Works commission in Bryson City Saturday night, a delegation of Macon county men returned home encouraged over the prospects of early improvement of highway No. 286 from Franklin to Bryson City.

Members of the delegation reported that Capus Waynick, chairman of the commission, said the road would be hard-surfaced but did not commit himself as to when work on the project would be undertaken.

Funds Allocated

Last winter the highway commission allocated funds for commencing the project, but work has been delayed pending completion of a new survey of a course for the road. State highway engineers are now conducting this survey, following pretty closely the present route. Engineers of the Nantahala Power and Light company had previously surveyed a proposed route carrying the road across the Cowee mountains to Alarka in Swain county.

It has been reported that the commission was not satisfied with this route on account of heavy expense entailed in grading a new road over the mountains. Members of the delegation which went to Bryson City expressed the opinion that when the road is surfaced it probably will follow the present course very closely. Some of the worst curves and grades will likely be eliminated, they said, but the route will not be fundamentally changed.

Members of Delegation

Members of the Macon delegation appearing before the highway commission, which last week made a tour of inspection of highways in the western counties, were George Patton, mayor of Franklin and county attorney; Sheriff A. B. Slagle, Ed Byrd, chairman of the county commissioners; Representative J. Frank Ray, and Frank I. Murray.

Officials of the Nantahala Power and Light company have requested the highway authorities to select a route on a higher level than the present road in backwater areas of the proposed Needmore dam. It was stated that the power company may start construction of this dam within a few years.

Members of the Swain and Macon county delegations told the commission that what they were interested in was hard-surfacing of No. 286 and they were not particular as to the route to be followed.

Going to Bryson City from High Hampton Inn, in Jackson county, members of the highway commission passed through Macon county Saturday but did not stop in Franklin, as they had been expected to do. The Macon delegation got together late in the afternoon, at the suggestion of Swain county residents, and went to Bryson City.

One group of highway commissioners, headed by Chairman Waynick, followed highway No. 285 to Dillsboro and proceeded from there to Bryson City, while another group, including R. G. Browning, locating engineer, was reported to have gone to Bryson City via No. 286.

Phillips Erecting New Service Station

L. B. Phillips, owner of the Log Cabin Motor company, has leased the Kingsberry lot at Porter and Palmer streets and started construction on the site of a modern automobile service station. Concrete approaches are now being laid. Work is to start soon on the station, which will be built of native stone.

Another Free Vote Period Ends Saturday

Subscribers Given Chance To Help Favorites Win Prize

Next Saturday night ends another important period in The Press-Maconian Salesmanship Campaign for those who are really serious in their efforts to win one of the major prizes. On that date another extra prize vote period expires, during which 240,000 extra votes will be credited on each and every \$30 worth of subscriptions turned in. That is at the rate of 8,000 extra votes per dollar and is still about four times as many votes as the same subscriptions will count later in the campaign.

This week the mailing lists have been corrected, and it has been ascertained by a careful check that only about two out of ten poten-

tial renewals have yet been secured on the rural routes out of Franklin. In fact, subscribers are daily coming into The Press office and renewing their subscriptions who have not even been approached by any member of the campaign. Seven such subscribers were in the office on a single day this week, none of whom, according to their statements, had been solicited for a subscription.

Neglected Opportunities

These office payments represent neglected opportunities on the part of the campaign members. When office payments are made without any request to credit to a campaign member, such credit cannot be given to anyone.

The campaign manager has a plan which he will be glad to give to any serious club member whereby she can within the next four

weeks earn \$500 in cash. It will be divalged in full to anyone who is interested enough to call for him at the office.

The fact that more new subscribers than renewals have thus far been turned in by the members demonstrates the fact that no systematic canvass of the territory has been made, the workers merely enlisting new subscriptions wherever they happen to run across them.

A Chance To Help

Subscribers to The Press who wish to renew and credit their renewal to some member should send their remittance direct to The Press office mentioning the club member whom they desire to favor. Such subscriptions will be promptly turned over to the members and they will receive full credit.

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