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WPA BUILDING COUNTY ROADS

Report by Administrator Of Work Done In This Section

(Special to The Press-Maconian)

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 17.—Statistics released today by George W. Coan, Jr., state administrator, North Carolina Works Progress Administration, show that 74.9 miles of farm-to-market roads have been completed in Macon county by relief workers since the inauguration of the works program 16 months ago.

Three hundred forty-two laborers have been employed on the several units of this county-wide project, and federal expenditures thus far amount to \$80,471.86. Over 36 miles of road is still under construction.

Work on the Macon county highway system includes proper drainage of road beds, straightening dangerous curves, widening, building culverts and bridges, and surfacing with gravel or crushed stone. A corps of highly trained engineers make a regular inspection of these roads, and experienced project supervisors are in charge.

Fit Into Works Program

"Farm-to-market roads, due to their low material cost, fit nicely into the works program," stated Administrator Coan, "and improvements by WPA, particularly in the mountainous counties of North Carolina, have enabled thousands of rural families to, for the first time, fully enjoy the benefits of communication with urban centers."

"I, personally," said Mr. Coan, "am deeply interested in improved county roads, and sponsors of farm-to-market road projects have met and will continue to meet a warm and hearty welcome when they seek aid for that purpose from the North Carolina works progress administration."

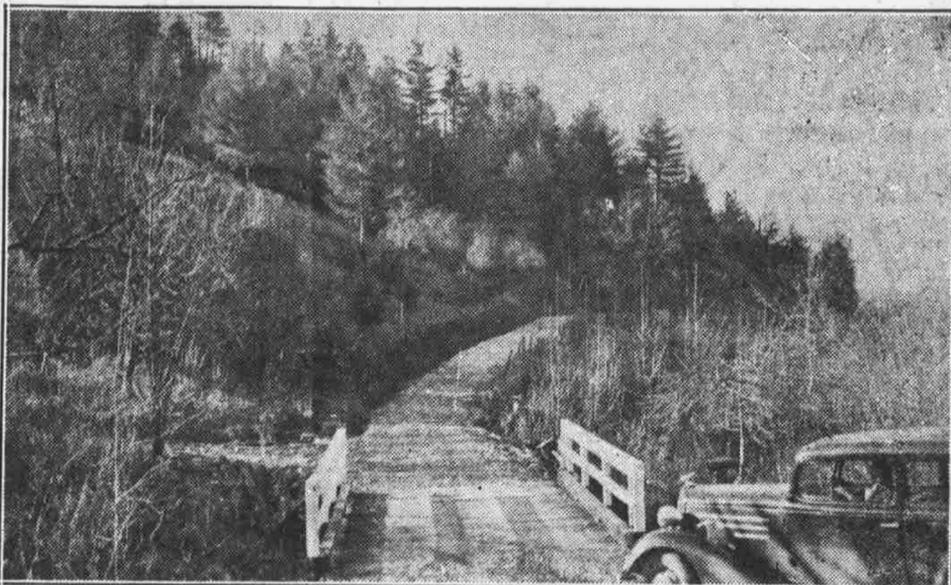
"The first aim of the works progress administration," Administrator Coan continued, "is to create employment for persons in need of work who are able and willing to work. Our projects must be beneficial and economically sound. They must be needed by the sponsors, and we prefer that the cost of necessary materials and tools be moderate as compared with the labor cost. There is no question that a program lifting farm families from impassable mud and sand is both beneficial and needed, while the cost other than for labor is lower than for the average type of work."

Supervised by Competent Engineers

"Through the supervision of competent engineers we are endeavoring to build roads that are structurally sound, whether we are making use of an old road bed, building or repairing bridges or undertaking entirely new construction. Where rock is available we are making

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WPA Improves County Road System



Pictured above is a typical stretch of farm-to-market road built by the North Carolina Works Progress Administration. More than seven hundred miles of such road has been completed in the mountainous counties of the Fifth District since work began in October, 1935, 74.9 miles of which is in Macon county.

RELIEF FUND STILL GROWS

Total of \$880.43 Has Been Received; Donations Still Coming In

Donations received by the Macon county chapter of the Red Cross since last week total \$42.22, bringing the amount given for the relief of flood sufferers in Macon county to \$880.43, and donations are coming in every day.

Contributions listed since last week are as follows:

From B. Y. P. U. Franklin Baptist church, Mrs. George Anderson. From the Otto community \$35.48 was received from the following contributors:

\$5.00 contribution, Mrs. Blanche Parrish.

Other contributors: Pauline Cabe, C. R. Cabe, Nan McDowell, Mrs. Lucy Bradley, Quinn Cabe, Leonard Meyers, Parker Norton, Mrs. Jess Carpenter, Charles Shope, John Shope, Mrs. John Shope, Mrs. Eva Carpenter, Jess Carpenter, Lillian Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. John Vinson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McDonnell, J. E. Cabe, John Seagle, John Conley, Joe Bradley, Raleigh Norris, Mildred Moffitt, Selma Jenkins, Hal Cabe, H. H. McDowell, J. M. Cabe, Norman Cabe, Troy Bradley, Robert Stewart, Willie Keefer, Grady Henson, Ed Henson, Frank Norton, Duncan Butler, Tom Shope, J. L. Young, D. P. Cabe, Bea Mozeley, Floyd Thomas, Jess Norton, Charles Ledford, Mrs. Mary Anderson.

Patton Heard On Radio Broadcast

Representative Patton, of Macon county, delivered a short address over the radio from Raleigh Tuesday night at 7:30 in which he described the opportunities and advantages to be found in Western North Carolina.

Mr. Patton also commented upon the speed and efficiency of the present general assembly in dealing with major legislation and predicted adjournment about March 15.

Rev. J. A. Flanagan Elected Clerk of Presbytery

The Rev. J. A. Flanagan, of Franklin, was elected stated clerk at a meeting of the Asheville presbytery Tuesday morning at the First Presbyterian church in that city.

Mr. Flanagan succeeds the Rev. W. A. Murray, of Black Mountain, whose resignation was accepted at the meeting.

Water Supplies

Being Improved at Schools In County

During the past several months much has been done to improve water supplies at a number of rural schools, through the cooperation of M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools; the National Youth Administration, under the supervision of Mrs. J. A. Ordway; the local communities who have raised funds for the purchase of materials and public spirited citizens who have donated water rights and rights-of-way for pipe lines.

The projects have been planned and supervised by H. H. Plemmons, county sanitary engineer, who has also designed and obtained approval of a WPA project to install gravity water systems at every school in the county where water is available, and to protect all wells where running water cannot be obtained. This work is scheduled to start in the near future.

Among the projects completed, or under way with N. Y. U. workers, are Oakdale school, 300 feet of pipe; Mulberry, 1,150 feet of pipe. The water rights and right-of-way were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Newman. Otto school, 1,700 feet of pipe; water rights and right-of-way were donated by Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Liner and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bradley. Maple Springs, 100 feet of pipe; spring is on the school property. Walnut Creek, 600 feet of pipe; water rights and right-of-way were granted by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Keener. Salem, 1,000 feet of pipe was taken up, cleaned out and relaid; water rights and right-of-way were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Estes and Mr. and Mrs. Bryson. Springs have been protected at Watauga, Mashburn Branch and Olive Hill. Also a well protected and pump installed at Lower Tesa with the cooperation of Mr. Buchanan, owner of the well.

Ben Hedden Run Over By Own Truck

Ben Hedden, of Walnut Creek, was taken to Angel hospital Saturday afternoon after being run over and painfully injured by his own truck.

He was driving near his home when his truck became stalled and he dismounted and went to the rear to push. When he reached the rear of the truck his foot slipped and he fell under a wheel, the truck backing over his left leg and across his chest.

There were no bones broken and his injuries are not serious.

DEATH CLAIMS

MRS. HENRY, 96

Aged Woman Passed Away at Her Home This Morning

Mrs. Margaret Henry, 96 died at her home on Ellijay Thursday morning at 4 o'clock after an illness of two weeks with influenza. She had been unable to get about for a long time and had been confined to her bed most of the time for the past two years.

Funeral services will be held at the Ellijay Baptist church tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. She had been a member of this church for many years.

Mrs. Henry was a great reader and had read the Bible through a number of times.

In her early womanhood Mrs. Henry spent much time carding, spinning and weaving, producing much of the cloth for the family clothing. She also made many blankets and coverlets, digging the roots and dyeing the thread, and had a number for which she had refused a fancy price.

Surviving Mrs. Henry are four daughters, Mrs. Martin F. Jones, of Franklin; Mrs. Lon Ammons, of Prentiss; Mrs. Ervin Ammons, of Shortoff; and Miss Callie Henry, of Ellijay; one son, J. P. Henry, of Struthers, Ohio; 21 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Struck by Car

Fred Lewis Run Down by Hit-and-Run Driver

Fred Lewis, 51, of Cartoogechaye, was seriously injured Saturday night when struck by a car on the Murphy road, about three miles from Franklin. He was taken to the Angel hospital and is reported to be suffering from concussion of the brain, laceration of one ear and bruises about the chest and abdomen.

It is reported that Lewis and Travis Dryman were walking along the road about 12 o'clock Saturday night when Dryman stepped off the highway to a nearby branch to get a drink of water, and while he was away the car, driven by an unknown driver, came along at high speed and struck Lewis. It is said that the driver did not slow down but sped on his way and there is no clue as to his identity.

The condition of Lewis is said to be satisfactory and he will probably recover.

SENATE PASSES LIQUOR BILL

State-Wide Vote Killed; Patton Introduces Local Measures

The county option liquor bill, which has been pending in the general assembly for some time, was passed by the senate late Tuesday without a record vote.

Several minor amendments to the bill were adopted and it was sent back to the house of representatives for approval as amended.

It is thought that the bill will be ratified into law some time today.

An amendment calling for a state-wide referendum on the liquor question was defeated by a vote of 27 to 17. Senator Kelly Bennett of this district was one of those voting against the amendment.

It will be recalled that when this bill was passed by the house Representative R. A. Patton, of Macon county, voted for its passage.

What Measure Provides

Under the measure, each county could call for elections on the creation of liquor stores.

The adopted amendments, would:

1. Prohibit football drinking, or at any other public assembly.
2. Cause stores to fix uniform prices.
3. Allow stricter supervision of stores and prohibit the placing of a liquor store in a township which voted dry although the county voted wet.

4. Require a 20-day notice of the opening of the registration books and provide for one ballot instead of two as previously stipulated.

The measure also specifically prohibits drinking of the beverages on the premises of the county stores and on any public road or street, but does not prohibit drinking liquor in hotels and cafes which is taken there by persons purchasing it legally.

No limit is set on possession of legal whiskey, but in counties which do not vote for liquor stores the Turlington act limit of one gallon for the use of bona fide guests will continue in effect.

A resident of a dry county, under the option act, may legally purchase one gallon of liquor in a wet county and take it to or through a dry county, but it must not be opened while in transit. Purchase of one gallon outside the state and its transportation into North Carolina is permitted.

Patton Introduces Local Bills

Representative Patton has introduced a bill to create a livestock commission for Macon county and the measure is now before the house committee on agriculture.

The bill provides:

"Section 1. That there is hereby created a livestock commission for Macon county to be composed of three members as follows: C. S. Slagle, Bunyan Justice, and C. L. Garner. The members of the said livestock commission shall receive the sum of \$3 per day and actual expenses when actually engaged in the performance of their duties. That any vacancy in said commission shall be filled by the other members.

"Section 2. That the county commissioners of Macon county are hereby authorized and directed to purchase not more than 10 bulls, of such beef breed as may be decided on by the said livestock commission, and also one jack. Said animals shall be used for the exclusive benefit of the stockraisers and citizens of Macon county and shall be and remain the property of the county.

"Section 3. That the livestock commission shall have full charge of the animals herein directed to be purchased and shall provide for their care, upkeep and control and

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Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

(Prices listed below are subject to change without notice.)

Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.

Chickens, heavy breed, hens	13c
Chickens, light weight, lb.	9c
Eggs, doz.	18c
Corn, bu.	95c
Wheat, bu.	\$1.15
Potatoes, No. 1, bu.	\$1.25
Field peas, bu.	\$1.50
Crowder peas, bu.	\$2.25
Yellow Mammoth Soy Beans, bu.	\$1.50
Pinto Beans, bu.	\$2.00
Onions, bu.	75c

Added by Nantahala Creamery
lb. 30c