

**MORE ABOUT Viaduct**

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Methodist church, and grade down 24 feet to a level with bridge street.

Starting at Bridge Street, a steel and concrete 50-foot viaduct would take off, going over Main, Cane and Academy streets, for a distance of 800 feet. The viaduct would run parallel with the Southern Railway tracks, and gradually slope down to a hill just back of the post office. There it would be on a hill to the Pigeon river, and across the river over a bridge higher than the railroad trestle. Once over the river, the highway would follow atop a hill to the intersection of the new four-lane highway at West Canton.

Tentative proposals are that entrance could be gained to the highway at the intersection of bridge street, and also at Adams Street, which is about half way the present parking lot, and runs down by the bus station.

The viaduct would pass over Main, Cane, and Academy streets high enough to take care of all normal traffic.

The meeting Wednesday was the result of the auction last week of \$750,000 by Governor Umstead for the project.

Commissioner Buchanan said that Canton had one of the "worst traffic situations in the 14th district."

"Every possible way of getting through Canton has been surveyed. The present plan is the best, and even at that, there are many obstacles in this plan. The federal and state road agencies will pay for two-thirds of the cost of right-of-way, and the town would bear the expense of the other third."

"There are many benefits to be derived from the viaduct plan, and it will not interfere with any present streets."

"We would touch the least possible property by following the route being recommended."

Commissioner Buchanan presented R. Getty Browning, chief locating engineer of the highway department, who presented the plan for the through-town highway. The engineer pointed out:

--- it is a difficult situation.  
--- traffic is increasing.  
--- modern cars are wider, requiring 20 per cent more parking space.

--- there is a lot more through traffic.  
--- more parking space is needed.

Then Mr. Browning touched on some of the surveys which had been made in trying to find a practical approach to the problem.

"We figured on raising the Main Street grade to avoid high water, but that was impractical."

"Then we considered a tunnel through the hill and a new bridge over Pigeon River on a route around by the cemetery. That was not practical."

"We have come to the conclusion that the proposal of taking off with a 58-foot street—four lanes—at the top of the hill at the Methodist church, and grade down to the level of Bridge Street, and then onto a viaduct for 850 feet, crossing Main, Cane and Academy streets. Then down off the viaduct to a fill, parallel with the Southern tracks across the parking lot to the river; over the river on a bridge higher than the trestle, to again avoid high waters, and then on a fill to connect with the four-lane highway in West Canton."

Mr. Browning told the attentive group, that no building would be permitted under the viaduct, because of the fire hazard. Later Mr.



ESTABLISHING A GROUND OBSERVER CORPS here was discussed at a meeting in the courthouse Wednesday. Representing the Air Force and the Knoxville Air Defense Filter Center were Staff Sgt. George Cook (left) and Maj. Charles Shafer, J. T. Russell (second from left) will direct the GOC program here with assistance from the county PMA organization, headed by A. W. Ferguson (right). (Mountaineer Photo).

Buchanan said that a fireproof depot might be constructed under the viaduct, if no other arrangements could be made.

The engineer said that they preferred not to have a building closer than 20 to 25 feet to the viaduct. No business could have a connection with the viaduct proper.

The viaduct would be 20 feet above the streets, and designed to be of service to the town, and not outside at the start, the engineer said. There would not be any connection between the viaduct and the crossing streets, except at bridge, and perhaps at Adams street.

The space under the viaduct might possibly be used for parking—that was not specific, but implied by the engineer's statement. The viaduct would be of four 11-foot traffic lanes and a sidewalk.

Mr. Browning said that the viaduct would cost about \$700 per foot (850 feet), and the river bridge would be less—he figured \$735,000 for the viaduct and river bridge. And in addition, \$65,000 for grading, \$125,000 for paving; \$25,000 for incidentals, making a total construction cost, including bridges of \$949,000.

Then the engineer said "upon second thought that was low—add another \$100,000, exclusive of right-of-ways."

That brought the total to \$1,100,000. Then it was estimated that \$300,000 would be needed for right-of-ways, with the town paying one-third; state a third, and federal agency the other third.

The Methodist church was well represented, as it was brought out that the highway level at the church entrance would be lowered 24 feet below the present level. Mr. Buchanan said that a road leading around and into the parking lot plus a stone retaining wall, would solve that problem—I'm a Methodist and would never agree to close any road to a Methodist church, or any other church, for that matter."

At this point of the meeting, several Canton citizens asked questions, mostly about exploring other possible approaches. Among them were Dr. Carey Wells, Jimmy E. Williamson, Clyde R. Hoey, Jr., and E. M. Grier, Ivy Newman and J. L. Sprinkle.

Morris Brooks felt that a connection with the proposed viaduct and Adams Street is essential.

Mr. Buchanan called upon W. H. Oglesby, general manager of the central lines of the southern railway, who said: "We have not seen the plans, and do not know how we will be affected. If adversely affected, we will oppose the proposal."

"How does Champion feel about this proposal?" some one in the back of the audience asked.

H. A. Heider, Carolina division manager said in reply: "We are listening in on the proposal, and we have utmost confidence in your (state) engineers. If the proposal is the desire of the citizens of Canton, then Champion will go along."

When asked how long Canton had to decide on the project, in order to get the \$750,000 allocation, Mr. Buchanan said: "We can wait a reasonable length of time. There are ten or more places clamoring for this money right now. And Canton can get its share of right-of-ways much easier than I can get the remainder of money necessary for construction of this road and viaduct."

"I would like to let the contract soon after the first of the year, and have it completed as early as possible, because you will need it when the four-lane highway starts feeding in traffic from the west, and the three-lane highway from the east," Buchanan said.

Engineer Browning felt that it would take the engineering department six or more months to complete the plans, and that would mean work could start in about a year.

Mr. Browning told of increased traffic in the area as more and more people were traveling to the Park, Parkway, and other scenic spots in this section. "When the Park is fully opened, what will happen in Canton - - - " and then he was interrupted as Buchanan said:

"and don't forget the Pigeon River road."

Dr. J. L. Reeves made the pointed question. "What if Canton fails to get, or raise the proposed \$100,000 for her share of the right-of-ways, then what happens to the allocation put up by the governor?"

"It will be taken down and re-allocated elsewhere," he was told by Commissioner Buchanan.

Someone then asked: "Why was it Clyde did not have to pay anything for right-of-ways when the

**Legion Auxiliary To Sponsor Square Dance**

Plans are being made by the American Legion Auxiliary for a square dance to be held in the American Legion Hall Saturday night, October 24, from 8 p.m. until 12 p.m.

A special feature of the evening will be an amateur hour from 8 until 9 o'clock, for which cash prizes will be awarded.

There will also be door prizes and a food bar with homemade cookies and candies for sale.

Mrs. Raymond Caldwell is serving as chairman for the event with the following committees: Mrs. Neeson Smith and Mrs. Robert Hall, posters; Mrs. Herman Francis, amateur hour; Mrs. Frankie Hoyle, prizes; Mrs. Donald Morrow, decorations; and Mrs. Bill Mehaffey.

Tickets are on sale at 75 cents per person at Slack's Joan's Beauty Shop and from all members of the committee.

The amateur hour is open to the public. Those wishing to participate are asked to contact Mrs. Raymond Caldwell at GL 6-6806, Mrs. Herman Francis at GL 6-3675, or Mrs. J. T. Russell, president of the Auxiliary.

**Billy Whitner At Air Force Base In New York**

Billy Whitner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Whitner, Hazelwood, is taking 13-week basic training at the Sampson Air Base, Geneva, New York.

Whitner has been in the Air Force for about two weeks. He is a graduate of the Waynesville High School, and participated in the band and chorus of the school.

Capt. and Mrs. Henry Lee have returned from a three-weeks trip which included a visit to Annapolis when Capt. Lee attended his class reunion of the U. S. Naval Academy. They also visited Sapt. Lee's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lee, and Mrs. Lee's daughter, Mrs. Jeanette Loomis, in New York and were guests of Mrs. Lee's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Milton in Bloomfield, N. J.

"new highway went through there?" Commissioner Buchanan said: "Clyde just got in under the wire - - - the regulation were changed shortly thereafter. They were just fortunate in getting theirs when they did."

It was brought out that Canton could apply their share of the Powell Bill money towards the purchase of a right-of-way for a highway. Canton gets about \$17,500 per year from the state funds.

After the meeting, Mayor Stone told The Mountaineer, "We have six miles of dirt streets, and we are looking for the Powell Bill money to help us pave those streets. I doubt if that money would be diverted to a right-of-way for the through highway."

The meeting adjourned after being in session an hour and thirty-five minutes, to begin the second phase of the day's program—walking the entire route of the proposed through-highway. About 35 went with the officials on the route, asking questions, and checking on various buildings, and line points.

What is the next step? - - - a lot of discussion about the 90-foot right-of-way from one side of Canton to the other.

Right now the average Canton citizen seems just lukewarm to the proposal. Some wonder why the state can't pay for all the right-of-way since the town will lose valuable business property from the tax books? Others prefer making Main and Park streets into one-way streets, in order to handle the flow of traffic faster, without any expenditure of money, or removal of buildings, and still others think the proposal of the highway engineers had better be accepted now, and work started: "You can't block progress" they argue.

"What does Canton think?" queried Commissioner Buchanan as the meeting neared a close.

The answer still remains to be given—he did not get a reply.

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