

Contracts for Three Overpasses on Scenic Parkway Awarded

North Wilkesboro, May 28.—Workmen have begun surfacing the 58.72 miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Virginia line southward to Deep Gap between North Wilkesboro and Boone. Contracts have been awarded for overpasses over highways 21, 18 and 16.

R. B. Taylor has the contract for placing bituminous surface on the parkway and the work is expected to be completed this summer.

Federated Construction Company of Myrtle Beach, S. C., has the contract for erecting overpasses over highway 21 near Roaring Gap in Alleghany county and for a similar structure over highway 16 at the intersection at the Wilkes-Ashe line. C. Y. Thompson has the contract for the bridge over highway 18 between North Wilkesboro and Sparta at Laurel Springs.

Work has begun on the structures over highways 21 and 18.

The overpasses are to be reinforced

concrete but in keeping with the parkway design of preserving natural beauty will be faced with native stone of the blue-grey granite type. Labor for all the projects, which are under WPA classification, will be furnished through the state employment service office located here and serving Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties.

NOTICE

Chapter 329, Public Laws of North Carolina, 1935 Session—An Act for Licensing Threshing in North Carolina and Securing Reports on the Amounts Threshed.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact: Section 1. That it shall be the duty of any person, firm or corporation who shall engage in power threshing in any county in which the operator resides: Provided, that securing of a license in one county shall be sufficient to allow the person, firm or corporation to operate in any county of the state.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the register of deeds of each of the several counties of the state to issue a license to engage in threshing in that county to any person, firm or corporation applying for same. Every license issued under the provisions of this act shall expire on the first day of April succeeding the date of the issue of such license. In lieu of the necessary expenses involved, the register of deeds may make a charge not to exceed fifty cents for each license issued: Provided, that operators who thresh their own crops only shall be exempt from any license cost.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of every person, firm or corporation, who shall engage in threshing for others or themselves, in any county of the state, to keep a complete and accurate record of the acreages harvested and amounts threshed for each farm, and to promptly make, upon blanks to be furnished by the register of deeds of the county, reports showing the acreages and the amounts threshed by said person, firm or corporation, in said county during the preceding season. A violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding twenty-five dollars: Provided, the register of deeds shall give thirty days' notice to the licensee before indictment is made, and if licensee makes said report within said time no indictment shall be made.

1. Helen Underdown, register of deeds for Watauga county, take this means of publicly notifying all persons, firms or corporations, in the county who expect to do threshing this year (1938) to please come to my office and secure a license. I have on hand license cards, blank forms for threshers' operators' reports, books, etc. These license cards are supposed to be issued by June 1st or soon thereafter. The fee is 50c. Very respectfully submitted, HELEN UNDERDOWN, Register of Deeds.

The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, June 1.—With congress apparently on the verge of adjournment, and a hot campaign already ahead for all of the representatives and a third of the senators, political Washington is paying much more attention now to the outlook for the fall elections than it is to such matters as the wages-and-hours bill or the President's efforts to put over his reorganization plan.

The big question which next fall's elections will decide is whether the trend of sentiment among the voters of the nation is away from the dominant Democratic party, and, if such a trend to the Republican party is not clearly shown, whether the trend inside of the Democratic party is away from the present administration and the new deal or otherwise.

Straws in the Wind

So at both ends of Pennsylvania avenue, the executive end which centers at the White House, and the legislative end on Capitol Hill, the soothsayers and star-gazers are tossing straws into the air to determine which way the political wind is blowing.

The first straw so tossed blew, as every observer agreed, directly toward the White House. That was the clean-cut new deal victory of Senator Pepper in Florida. So far as the trend inside the Democratic party is concerned, that was accepted by many Democrats as sufficient evidence that Democratic voters are still overwhelmingly new dealers.

But then came the Pennsylvania primaries, and the indications from that straw were by no means so clean-cut. Only one of the Democratic candidates who had the blessing of the administration was nominated.

Governor Earle's victory, running for the senatorial nomination, was conceded in advance by almost everybody, not so much because he had been a consistent supporter of Mr. Roosevelt from the beginning but because the candidates who opposed him in the primaries were men in whom the voters of their own party had little confidence.

Pennsylvania Results

The victory in Pennsylvania of the anti-new deal Democratic candidate for governor, Charles A. Jones, over Lieut. Governor Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, was not only a straw revealing a Democratic current in a different direction from the way the wind blew in Florida, but it was a definite and severe set-back to the political ambitions of John L. Lewis, chairman of the C. I. O.

Lewis had put all the strength of his labor organization behind Mr. Kennedy. Mr. Jones' victory over the combined efforts of Mr. Lewis and of Chairman Farley of the Democratic national committee is regarded here as a pretty definite indication that the trend in the great industrial states of the north is at least toward conservatism, if not distinctly toward Republicanism.

Mr. Lewis had also put his influence in the Republican primaries behind the veteran former Governor Gifford Pinchot, who made a very poor showing indeed against Judge Arthur H. James for the Republican nomination for governor.

That and the size of the Republican primary vote, over 135,000 more than the Democrats polled for all their candidates, have started Washington to talking seriously of the possible recapture of Pennsylvania by their party next November, and have definitely strengthened the conviction that the Republicans are certain to gain a large number of congressional seats.

Even new deal enthusiasts are now conceding that there will be at least 35 more Republican members in the lower house of the next congress than in the present one. That may safely be regarded as the minimum shift. Estimates of experienced political observers run all the way from 35 more Republicans to 110. The average of several polls of expert opinion is 60.

That would not give a Republican majority, and even staunch Republicans express doubts whether a majority would be desirable, with a senate still overwhelmingly Democratic and a Democratic administration in the White House. Such a condition has obtained in the past, with the result of a complete deadlock in all important matters of legislation.

1894 Situation Recalled

The situation is likened here to that which obtained in 1893, when the Democrats gained 54 seats, giving them a majority of the house with a Republican President and senate still in office. Every constructive effort looking toward recovery was effectively blocked by the house.

Many shrewd onlookers compare the present political situation to that of 1894. Mr. Cleveland was serving his second term as President. His own Democratic party was split between the conservative faction bent upon preserving the gold standard and bringing back recovery from the panic of 1893 by encouraging industry, and the radical Free Silver advocates.

In the congressional election of that year the Republicans gained 120 seats and two years later elected President McKinley and a Republican congress.

Cutting across all party lines this year, however, is the new spending program which the President proposed and which congress has accepted. That the distribution of several billions of fresh funds for relief and public works will operate as a powerful influence for the election of Democrats over Republicans in scores of congress districts is taken for granted here.

How far it will be influential in the nomination of thick-and-thin new dealers over the conservative Democrats is a question to which an affirmative answer is not quite such a foregone conclusion, since the Florida new deal victory was about the only criterion to go by.

4-H HEALTH CONTEST

Each year the county 4-H clubs conduct a health contest for club members over 14 years old. These winners enter a district health contest and the winner in this contest with the other district winners for state honors. Dr. R. E. King made the final examination for Watauga county on May 23. Clyde Greene of the Bethel 4-H club, won the contest for the boys and Annie Davis of Todd, a member of the 4-H Home Makers club, won for the girls with Elizabeth Kincaid and Margaret Perry of the Bethel 4-H club making close scores.

Miss Elizabeth Bridge, the home agent, carried Annie Davis and Clyde Greene to Asheville Tuesday, May 31, to enter the western district contest. The winners in this district will compete with the winners from the other four districts at the state 4-H short course at State College, Raleigh, the last of July.

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