

RESUMPTION OF PARKWAY PROGRAM EXPECTED SOON

The outlook for early resumption of construction on the Blue Ridge Parkway is bright, Representative Zebulon Weaver of Asheville, declared in Washington Saturday after conferring with National Park service officials on the program.

Plans for the 485-mile scenic highway, designed to link Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountains national parks with an all-weather motor route, have been resumed at Washington and at regional National Park service headquarters in Richmond. Construction was suspended following Pearl Harbor.

Weaver pointed out that although it was necessary to temporarily halt all non-essential construction during the war, he and his associates interested in the parkway have not been idle.

He joined with colleagues seeking similar scenic routes in their respective areas in obtaining last year a \$30,000,000 authorization,

\$10,000,000 of which will be spent during the next three years in carrying forward the Blue Ridge Parkway program.

He also assisted in obtaining contractual authorizations for \$4,000,000, of which \$2,000,000 is earmarked for the Tar Heel state, to enable the National Park service to work with the states of North Carolina and Virginia in planning contract awards for new construction on the route.

When the war caused suspension of construction work, Weaver found an available balance of about \$200,000 was unspent. He said this amount is still available and will be added to new appropriations expected to be made early next year.

Weaver is awaiting consideration by the house and senate appropriations committees of the interior department appropriation bill. He expects to appear at hearings, slated to begin in January, to testify in favor of appropriations to make possible early resumption of construction work on the parkway.

A total of 163 miles of the 485-mile route have been completely paved and open to traffic. About 153 additional miles have been graded, covered with rock for subsurface and made ready for paving. Another

12 miles have been graded, leaving approximately 157 miles upon which virtually all necessary construction work must be done.

In the offices of Thomas H. Allen, regional director of the National Park service, at Richmond, and Sam Weems, superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway at Roanoke, are now being carried forward plans for eventual completion of the scenic route.

The Blue Ridge Parkway, to become the longest new road set up as a single unit in the entire American highway system, will be the result of comprehensive planning by the National Park service and the states of North Carolina and Virginia.

Extending through an area 3,000 feet above sea level or higher, it will provide, over the entire route, the invigorating summer coolness and healthy, dry atmosphere of the high mountains.

Not only will the route link two of the nation's historic, famous and interesting national parks. It will also extend through George Washington, Jefferson and Pisgah national forests, where proper forestry practices over the years will produce an unspoiled natural beauty so typical of America's woodland area.

Turkey, American Style, Very Tasty

Roast peacock is still the piece de resistance of Christmas dinner in Argentina.

In Medieval England, the peacock was served with all his brilliant plumage intact; sometimes, when he was baked in a pie, his head appeared from one end of the crust and his tail from the other; more often, he was served sitting upon a large tray—borne to the feast by a lady of the court who was chosen and honored to do so.

To serve him whole, the bird was flayed—skin and feathers together; care was taken to leave the head attached to the skin and the neck bone unbroken.

Having been roasted and allowed to cool, the peacock was wrapped in his feathers and propped upon a tray—as he was wont to sit when alive, showing off his magnificent tail; a sponge, saturated with spirits, was placed in his gilded beak and lighted as the bird was being served—but for all his good looks, the peacock was cold and dry when eaten.

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JANUARY 1946

The list-takers for the various townships of the county will be at the various listing places during the month of January at which places and times all taxpayers are required to list their property as of January 1, 1946. Listing places and dates will be announced early in January.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years, are to list their polls at the same time. Returns on property and listing for poll taxes are required; and those failing to do so are subject to the penalties of the law.

It is also required that farmers make a crop report at the time of listing. Don't fail to do this.

The continued co-operation of the taxpayers is respectfully requested.

Paul A. Coffey

County Tax Supervisor