

Contract Awarded For Watauga Parkway Link

Washington, March 29—A \$748,317 contract was awarded here today for paving of the Deep Gap-Triplett Road sector of the Blue Ridge Parkway in Watauga County.

The 5.517-mile stretch is one of only two remaining unpaved on the Parkway between Roanoke, Va., and Asheville, N. C., Macon Construction Company of Franklin, N. C., low bidder among 13 competing firms, will do the job.

Completion of grading, draining and base-coursing the Deep Gap-Triplett Road sector will eliminate a seven-mile detour over Route 421 which is presently necessary.

And it will leave to be completed, north of Asheville, only a 13-mile stretch near Blowing Rock, 7.4 miles of which are partially completed.

Secretary of the Interior Fred

March Rainfall Lowest For Years

March was a "dry" month this year, compared to the same month for the past three years.

But April started off with a splash. Rain started sometime the morning of April 1, and fell continuously until Tuesday morning. At 7 a. m. 2.69 inches of rain was in the rain gauge, or nearly as much as fell during the entire month of March.

Records kept of the rainfall (snow, etc.) showed that only 2.87 inches of moisture fell on Boone from March 1 through the 31st. Several days were damp, but there was not enough precipitation to be measured with the rain gauge.

In 1956, 4.20 inches of water was measured during March; in 1955, 6.81 inches; and in 1954, 6.25 inches were recorded, according to records kept by the U. S. Bureau.

Snow fell on the 1st and 5th of the month, with a heavy snow being recorded on the 8th and 9th. Between three and four inches (depending on the place) were measured on these days. It had all melted by the 12th, however, the balance of moisture being rain and fog.

Senator Scott Speaks For Income Tax Relief

Senator W. Kerr Scott said this week the President's budget should be cut by three billion dollars and the savings passed on to taxpayers in reduced income taxes.

"It looks as though Congress will cut upwards of three billion dollars from the President's requests, and if we are able to do that I plan to offer legislation which would give taxpayers an additional \$100 in personal income tax exemption by raising the exemption from \$600 to \$700," Scott said.

Scott said he thinks the budget will be reduced "generally across the board" by tightening the belts of most agencies.

By using such an approach, he said, "no serious damage would be done to any one segment of the government or services rendered by the agencies."

The North Carolina Senator said increasing the personal income tax exemption by \$100 would cost about 2.5 billion dollars.

"We have just about wrung the public dry with taxes. For over two years, the Administration has talked about reducing spending and taxes. But every time the sub-

Library Meeting

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day night, April 4, and will end Saturday, April 6, at noon.

Others appearing on the program include Dr. Dale W. Gramley, president of Salem College of Winston-Salem, who will speak on Thursday night; Thelma and Corydon Bell of Sapphire, North Carolina, famous authors and illustrators of children's books, who will speak at breakfast meeting April 5; Dr. Herbert W. Wey, associate dean of the graduate school of ASTC, speaking at 10:00 a. m. on April 5; and Richard Chase, nationally known folklorist and author, who speaks at the dinner meeting on April 5.

Watauga Native Passes In Maine

Mrs. Mattie Triplett Miller, 64, of Bath, Maine, died March 31. Burial will be April 4 at Mount Ethran Baptist Church in Triplett, with burial at the Rhymer Cemetery. The body will lie in state from 10 to 11 at the church, and Rev. Thee Hendrix will conduct the rites.

Mrs. Miller is survived by her husband James, two sons, Jerry and Stuart Hampton, and two daughters, Mildred and Joann, all of Bath. Survivors also include three brothers, C. C. Triplett of Boone, and Eugene and Clyde Triplett of Triplett; and four sis-

ters, Mrs. Mary Triplett, Mrs. Pearl Triplett, Mrs. Verda Green, and Mrs. Anna Reynolds, all of Triplett.

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Howard R. Garriss and J. C. Wells, plant pathologists for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, say the antibiotic treatment for blue mold is more expensive, too. But the main point is that it will not control dreaded anthracnose—a plantbed disease that is just as serious and widespread as

Mother Of Boone Woman Dies

Mrs. Lizzie Melinda Townsend, 76, of Route 1 Banner Elk, died March 27 at Blowing Rock Hospital.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at the Holy Communion Lutheran Church, with burial in the Holy Communion Cemetery. Rev. George Shuford and Rev. Edwin Troutman conducted the services.

Survivors include three sons; Joseph T. of Lenoir, and Monroe and Roey of Banner Elk; and five daughters, Mrs. Howard Townsend of Banner Elk, Mrs. Monroe Reese of Valle Crucis, Mrs. Laura Townsend of Boone, and Mrs. Lela Taylor of Banner Elk; 22 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren.

Jury List Given

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North Fork—Don Miller, Tamarack.

Shawneehaw — Eugene Eggers, route 1, Boone; Walter Michael, Banner Elk.

Stony Fork — Linville Greene, William M. Day, Fred E. Payne, Rufus Idol, all of Deep Gap.

Watauga—J. W. Norwood, route 1; John Harrison, Blowing Rock; Robert Bentley, Vilas; Charlie Johnson, route 1, Banner Elk; Roy Aldridge, route 1, Banner Elk.

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Glenn Moretz Is TV Winner

Willis W. Chester, manager of the local Belk's store, announced that Glenn Moretz of Zionville was the winner of the TV set given by his store at the end of its special 9-day Founders' Days sale event. The set was won by Mr. Moretz at the drawing Saturday afternoon in the store, which was attended by several hundred persons who had registered at the store during the sale.

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