

WPA BEGINS WORK ON EXHIBIT HALL AT FAIR GROUNDS

\$12,332 Project To Be Completed By Late Summer

WPA crew of about 20 men began excavation work last Friday preparatory to laying foundations for the new exhibit hall on the local fair grounds. Concrete pouring is expected to be under way by the end of this week. The building is expected to be completed in time for the next County Fair.

The \$12,332 project was approved by the WPA last November, but workmen had not been available until this time to begin the actual work. Larger crews will be added as the work demands, and completion of the project is frseen in August or September.

L. E. Barnett, district WPA supervisor who has charge of this work, and a Raleigh official conferred with County and Fair association officials Tuesday on arrangements to go ahead with the construction work.

Materials for the present stages of construction are ready for use and other materials will be brought in as needed. Machinery and men are being called to the job as fast as they are needed.

The new exhibit hall will be a stone structure 65 by 110 feet, to be located along the upper side of the fair grounds, near the back entrance. The building will have hardwood floors so that it can be used as a gymnasium for school athletic classes and activities, dances, and general community use.

Plans also call for a steam heating plant to be installed under one corner of the building, and a small basement for storage purposes. There will be entrances on either side, and at one end a small wing will be added later for use as dressing rooms when the building is put into use as a gymnasium.

The project calls for the erection of additional cattle sheds, new fences and possibly a grandstand. Various improvements to the entire fair grounds are also included in the plans.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Services at the Church of the Messiah, Episcopal, will be held at 7 P. M., next Sunday evening by the Rev. Rufus Morgan.

Ground Hog Appears; Verdict A Mystery —But Usually He's A Rotten Prophet

Wee Willie Groundhog followed his age old custom, and came out of his hole on Sunday to make his annual prediction regarding the weather for the next six weeks.

The time honored rule is that if he is able to see his shadow, he dives back in his hole to sleep for six weeks more. Those six weeks are supposed to contain plenty of cold weather, and then some.

If, on the other hand his little body casts no shadow, he stays out, and Spring is supposed to be just around the corner.

Last year Mr. Groundhog was 100 per cent right. He came out on Feb. 2, as per schedule; stayed out just a few seconds and then went back.

"It's gona to be cold" he murmured in groundhog language—and brothers and Sisters, he sure spoke a mouthful. Everybody in these parts will swear to that.

Sheriff Loads Calves Too Heavily in Truck; Three of Them Die

Three calves dead was the price paid by Sheriff Townson for loading too many into a truck for the Knoxville market one day last week.

All told sixteen calves ranging in age from one month to five months old were in the truck which was loaded at the Townsend farm near Marble. By the time the truck reached Andrews three of the calves were dead or in a dying condition.

The dead calves and four others were unloaded. Then the truck proceeded on to Knoxville.

The value of the calves lost was about \$35.00.

T. and N. C. Railroad Bought in Entirety By W. T. Holland

When Alderman and lumberman W. Turner Holland of Andrews was a little bit of a shaver Santa Claus brought him a tin "steam engine" a tin coal car and a couple of tin passenger coaches. The whole business was less than three feet long and there were no tracks to go with it. The train wouldn't run, either, unless you pushed it—but young Holland thought it was grand. He shoved it around the house and in the yard until he wore out the wheels.

Also he announced to his family, that when he grew up he was going to be a railroad man. He wasn't sure whether he would be a conductor or an engineer. He thought that maybe he'd be both.

Well, that boyish announcement has come true—for on January 20, Mr. Holland became sole owner of the entire Tennessee and North Carolina Railroad. The system covers 26 miles of track between Andrews and Hayesville, and the new owner already has begun improvements which will make it 100 per cent efficient. Incidentally he plans to change the former schedule of running whenever the engineer and crew got ready to a couple of round trips every day except Sunday. Maybe, if business warrants, the trains will operate Sunday too. Although the line is a single tracked, the trains can pass each other by using a switch, at Peachtree.

The road equipment consists of two engines, two coal cars, two flat cars, a caboose and one passenger coach. The road will carry no passengers, however, and so the passenger coach will be torn down and converted into another flat bed car. There also is a machine shop. (Continued on Back Page)

WHAT OUR LEGISLATURE IS DOING

Editor's Note:—This is the fourth of a series of weekly summaries on the activities of the 1941 General Assembly.

Taxation, as usual, occupied a prominent place in the Legislature last week, with emphasis on gasoline and auto license taxes; and with substantial changes proposed in collection and foreclosure procedure.

A bill which would allow local units to dispense with tax certificate sales, and assign the lines, was reported unfavorably. Another measure setting a limitation of ten years from due date of taxes on foreclosures to enforce tax liens on real estate, passed its second reading in the House.

Auto license fees would be revised by a bill to fix fees for trucks and trailers used for agricultural purposes at \$5 and \$2 respectively. Another bill would exempt trucks used in national defense projects from all contract hauler fees, if used within a radius of 30 miles of the defense project.

Gasoline used in school busses would be exempted from tax, as well as gas owned by a licensed distributor and destroyed by catastrophe, under two other bills.

Automobile junk yards would be licensed by the State, with charges ranging from \$600 to \$10 under another bill. This measure would prohibit counties, cities and towns from such yards at all.

Hospital care for highway accident victims would be provided under the terms of a proposed act which would set up a fund by adding 50 cents to the cost of auto tag licenses. Persons injured in any highway accident would have their hospital bills paid out of this fund to the extent of \$3 per day, for a maximum of 21 days.

Under the terms of a highway bill, the State Highway Commission would be directed to construct or improve, or both, roads connecting the county seat with the largest town in the county, where the county seat is not the largest town.

A bill, endorsed in substance by the administration, would prohibit the sale of fortified wines in all counties not operating ABC stores.

A measure was offered to allocate the entire \$1 additional cost in criminal cases, half of which has been going to the SBI and the Statistics Division of the Justice Department, to the Law Enforcing Officers' Benefit and Retirement Fund.

Another measure would authorize State Highway patrolmen to execute warrants issued by J. P.'s anywhere in the state without indorsement.

A third law enforcement bill would make madatory a jail sentence of at least five days for second and subsequent offenders convicted of driving while under the influence of liquor or drugs. A fourth would permit the issuance of search warrants for gambling on lottery tickets, books, papers and documents.

Another measure designed to expand and improve the public school system would allow the State School Commission to provide for a twelfth grade where requested by the County Board of Education.

The institution of marriage would be accommodated by a bill extending the time for physical examination for seven to thirty days before date of presentation of certificate and requiring non-residents to undergo the physical examination required of residents, and by a measure arranging for the marrying official to give copies of the marriage license to the couple at time of marriage.

Under another bill Fraternal Be- (Continued on Back Page)

Rough Road Riles 'em; They Borrow Scraper —and Land in Lock-up

Mr. William Ball and Mr. William Newman, both from distant parts, both employed at the Nantahala Dam, and both living in the remote fastnesses of Granny Squirrel Gap, were trudging their way to town, celebrating a day off. They were walking in, and the road, a new one, was plenty rough.

"Taint right, Bill," quoth Newman. "What ain't right, Bill?" asked Ball.

"Why, this here mountain goat trail they call a road", Newman explained. "It's so full of jumps I feel like I'm on a roller coaster. Somethin' oughta be done."

"Yeah," quoth Mr. Ball, "—but what?"

They trudged along in silence until, all of a sudden, they came upon a huge scraper belonging to Gregory and People, road contractors. The scraper was standing idle, and the same idea hit the two Williams at the same instant.

"If you can't drive her, I can," said Bill Newman. "I can—but let's (Continued on Back Page)

Legion Seeks Vets For New Service if War Comes Again

Veterans of the first World War may serve again; if and when we get into the present conflict. The American Legion has prepared a questionnaire in which all former soldiers are asked to state just what services they are best qualified to offer.

The questionnaires have been sent to Winslow McIver, secretary of the legion post in Murphy, and to the Legion Hut, in Andrews. All veterans whether members of the Legion or not, are asked to contact whichever place is more convenient, and fill out the blanks which will be sent to Department Headquarters, for future references.

The listing of qualifications is NCT compulsory. Neither does it obligate the veteran to accept a call for his services, should one come. It is merely a voluntary means of preparedness, to be used "just in case." No military duty is involved.

Tom Mauney Tells of Strange Day; Believe It Or Not, He Vows It's True

Let it be said, at the very beginning that the Scout does NOT vouch for the truth of what follows. The tale is told by Tom Mauney, tireless demon of internal revenue collections and equally tireless with rod and gun.

The other day, Mauney says, he and Georgia friend were hunting on a farm near Hiwassee. Reaching the top of a hill, they saw an old man plowing in the valley.

"We can't hunt here," said Mauney "there's the owner of this farm, and he'll run us off."

"Oh no, he won't!" said the other sportsman. "That old fellow can't run anybody, anywhere—he's stone blind."

"I don't believe it" Mauney said, "because that old man was plowing a straight furrow without even a stumble." So my friend took me over and introduced me. Sure enough, the old man had been blind for nearly 50 years. He said he never had any trouble getting around the farm, though, because he could still remember where everything was.

"He told me he was 78 years old—and then he invited us up to the farm house, to meet his dad. We went, and found the father—who was 98—chopping logs for firewood."

"While we visited a hound dog came lazing up. He sniffed at me,

PARALYSIS FUND DRIVE IS SUCCESS IN THIS COUNTY

Birthday Ball Most Colorful, Largest In History of Event

Cherokee county responded splendidly to the campaign for funds to fight infantile paralysis during the past few days. The largest contribution came from the birthday dance which grossed \$193.00 while smaller amounts were derived through the march of dimes drive.

With all expenses taken care of, a net amount of \$100 is already accounted for and later returns are expected to bring this amount to \$150 as this county's contribution to the Fight Infantile Paralysis fund.

President Roosevelt's birthday was celebrated in the most enjoyable and successful ball in its history in the county Saturday night as crowds turned out from all this section for the two dances held in Andrews.

More than 150 couples attended, not including entertainers and persons aiding in staging the affairs.

Although the dances were started earlier than usual, because the date fell on Saturday night, the crowds were really responsive. Visitors came from several adjoining counties and towns and two states to join the festivities.

H. Bueck, chairman of the March of Dimes and Paralysis fund drives in this county, expressed mild elation at the apparent success of the campaign.

Dancing to the music of Vincent Wright and his twelve piece band the crowd seemed to gain enthusiasm as the two dances progressed in the gaily, but appropriately, decorated, decorated gymnasium and Youth building. The gym contained a large crowd at all times during the dance, while square dancers kept the Youth building's walls bulging, as they danced four sets to the music of the Marble string band.

The costumed presentation of old English and Danish folk dances by members of the John C. Campbell Folk school, Brasstown, at intermission of the round dance, proved to be the feature entertainment presented (Continued on Back Page)