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ADVANTAGES GAINED IN OPENING OLD HIGHWAY

Linville Mountain Trail Offers Rare Opportunities for Making a Good Road.

During the Civil war a great national highway was improved and turned to the uses of that struggle, and all its resources and advantages were employed by the South in emergency. This was the old Linville mountain trail, famous for more than a century. For more than a century this route had been recognized by Indian, pioneer, soldier and settler in traveling to and from the mountains and the "country." After the Civil war it was much used, as it was in war in transporting produce between the two sections. In later years it has fallen into disuse, and it has been done upon it until a few years ago, when it was put in a better condition by Mr. Bicknell of Falls for the use of the engineering corps then at work upon it here. Those who saw it then were amazed to learn how little it cost to make this route possible to travel with wagons and at least by cars, out about 10 or 11 miles from Linville Falls. Without any attention the road was used by wagons for three years, hauling produce from the mountains to sell near Bridgewater. The chief difficulty was the bad condition of the end of the road, going down the Linville mountain near the Parks. The flood of 1916 made this road for the people of Lower Linville, and the value of this connection to them, have set about to repair and improve it. So the town road commissioners of Linville, Jones Ridge townships, in which good roads have united to declare a public road, a part of the public systems of the two townships, and the very limited means at their command, they are putting it in a better condition to turn over to the new County Road Commission created by the Legislature to cover all the roads of Burke county. It is hoped and expected that this road will grow in importance and so improve in condition, that it will be recognized for what it is one of the most attractive scenic ways in western North Carolina. (Continued on fifth page.)

TWO RURAL SCHOOLS TO VOTE FOR SPECIAL TAX

Elections Ordered For March 14 in Amherst and Table Rock Special School Districts

Upon petition of large numbers of the citizens of the Table Rock and Amherst school communities the board of education in regular meeting Monday endorsed orders for elections for special tax for school improvements in these districts and the elections were duly ordered by the board of county commissioners. March 14th was decided upon as the day for the election in each community, this giving the thirty days notice required by law.

LOCAL BRIEFS IN AND AROUND TOWN

Short Items of Local and Personal Interest Gathered During the Week.

Miss Nell Putney was on the sick list for several days the past week. Dr. E. S. Warlick was sick last week but is now able to be out again. Services and the holy communion will be held at Grace church Sunday morning, February 13th. Mrs. M. A. Byrd, who has been quite sick, is better, friends of the family are glad to know. The county commissioners were in regular monthly session Monday. Only routine business was attended to. Mr. E. A. Green has fattened and killed 2,723 pounds pork net. One Poland China hog weighed 523 pounds net. Mr. James Alexander, of Quaker Meadows, underwent an operation this week at Dr. Long's hospital, Statesville. Mrs. Jim Williams of Table Rock, is reported to be rather seriously ill. Mrs. Williams is a sister of Mr. X. H. Cox, of Morganton. The Morganton high school boys' basketball team will play the Asheville team here Thursday night at the town hall, the game to begin at 8 o'clock. Admission is 25 cents. Mrs. May T. Ritcher, who was associated with Mr. J. P. McLain in the management of Hotel Morgan, has sold her interest to Mr. McLain and left Friday for Washington, D. C. Samuel Ervin is the name of a little son born recently to Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Hall of Richmond, Va. Mrs. Hall was Miss Laura Ervin, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Ervin, of Morganton. Robert Manlove, the "Man of Many Faces," gave a very enjoyable program at the auditorium Monday night. He is an impersonator of rare ability. Mr. Manlove's entertainment was the third of the Lyceum numbers. A window of curios at Patton's Jewelry Store has been the object of local interest this week. Mr. Patton has made an interesting collection of arrow heads, old firearms, knives, Indian relics, etc., which he prizes very highly.

MORRISON "HANDS OFF" OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Governor Confused Supreme Wizard Simmons Order With That of Texas Ritchie.

Governor Morrison has authorized newspapermen to modify his recent statement about the Ku Klux Klan now organizing all over the State, for the reason, he said, that he confused the organization operating now with one started some time ago by Texas Ritchie, according to a Raleigh dispatch. The klansmen will continue to enlist recruits without gubernatorial or legislative interference, it appears. Many of the State's best citizens have been afraid of the organization headed by Supreme Wizard Simmons of Atlanta, but local enthusiasts seemed to have reached the executive with assurances that it contemplates no mobology that will call for the nucleus and nucleons of Major Hamp Rich, late of Scotland guard and now of the Louisiana military establishment. Governor Morrison was bothered by Ritchie a whole lot during the campaign when the former, pugilist tried hard to get Morrison, Gardner and Page to join the "Loyal Order of Klansmen." The ex-prize fighter offered an organization powerful enough to nominate either one and all three were skeptical. The present Ku Klux Klan claims that Ritchie grafted on its ritual and it asserts with some conviction that it contemplates no such job as supplanting established authority. It only wants to work with organized agencies and not over the police authority of the State. With this correction and the assurance that it is not a secret political order, the governor will not ask the legislature to run Grand Wizard Simmons and his fraternity out of the State. Mrs. Nancy Mull is very sick at her home near Enola, her condition giving the family and friends much concern. Her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Patton, has been with her and two other daughters, Mrs. Ida Mull of King's Park, N. Y., and Mrs. Dallas Cook of Rock Springs, Ga., arrived yesterday. Very little hope is entertained for Mrs. Mull's recovery.

YOUNG BURKE MAN DIED AT CAMP DIX

Richard Kincaid Victim of Pneumonia; Body to Arrive Today; Funeral Tomorrow.

Telegram Tuesday to his father, Robert Kincaid of Chesterfield, announced the death of Monday at Camp Dix, N. J., of young Garland Kincaid, death caused by pneumonia following measles. The body, accompanied by Wm. H. Mabe, of Morganton, is expected to arrive this morning and will be taken to Chesterfield. The funeral and burial will be held some time tomorrow at Littlejohn church. Young Kincaid had been in camp some months. He is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Kincaid and was a promising young fellow. He arrived by his parents, two brothers and eight sisters. The brothers Robert Kincaid, Jr. and Lee Kincaid of Lenoir. The sisters are Mrs. McCalliard, of Lenoir; Mrs. Chapman, of Chesterfield; Miss Kincaid, of Iowa; Mrs. Charles Smith, of Morganton; Mrs. Catherine Cooper, Miss Lucy Kincaid, Miss Lilly Kincaid and Mrs. Laura Kincaid, of Newton.

7,000 HOUSES IN 85 CITIES

Seven thousand houses are needed in the 85 cities in North Carolina with more than 1500 population, according to a report submitted to the North Carolina club at the University of Warren county, in an illustrated discussion on city planning. The report was based on figures compiled by 36 towns which have answered a questionnaire sent out by the club. Replies not having been received from many towns, it was necessary to estimate the exact figures, states said, but he thought the estimated conservative for the total of census-size towns in the State. How many more houses were needed in the rural districts Mr. Morrison could not estimate, but he was sure the number was much larger. The investigation shows that the State, with few exceptions, have given little thought to systematic town development. "Towns are allowed to grow haphazardly with no thought to the future. He emphasized the need of planning for districting towns into industrial, business and residential zones; for planning parks and recreational centers; for developing municipal utilities with an eye to the future, and for the grouping of municipal buildings.

Mr. J. K. Rader has moved to the new house on King street. The street of pavement on East street just below Hotel Morgan was recently finished and on last Monday was opened for use. Its completion gives a concrete road from the hotel to the home of Mr. T. Morgan on White street.

ARE THE CATTLE PROPERLY HOUSED?



(This is the second of a series of cartoons on farm problems.)

GENERAL MGR. SIMPSON HIRED BY ENGINEER PITTS

First Job Was As Water Boy For Section Gang; Mr. Pitts Has Also Advanced.

Southern News Bulletin. When the general manager of lines east made his first trip over the Asheville division recently, the honor of handling his train was accorded to Engineer W. W. Pitts, who at Glen Alpine, on April 13, 1882, gave General Manager R. E. Simpson his first job as a water boy on the Western North Carolina railroad. At that time Engineer Pitts, who is known as "Uncle Bill," was foreman of what was known as a floating gang, and Mr. Simpson was a lad of twelve years. "Uncle Bill" is very proud of the honor of having "discovered" Mr. Simpson for the Southern Railway, and his appreciation of the compliment was unbounded when he was selected as the first engineer to pull him as general manager over the Asheville division. Robert Simpson was conductor of the train. "Uncle Bill" entered the service as a section laborer on March 1, 1878, and was given charge of an engine on October 1, 1891.

MR. WILSON PLANS A PERIOD OF QUIET REST

Will Go Into Virtual Seclusion For a Time After He Leaves The White House.

President Wilson plans to go into virtual seclusion for a time after March 4. Freed from the responsibilities of office which have weighed heavily upon him during his convalescence, Mr. Wilson, his friends say, will shut himself in for a period of intensive rest and quiet in the new home he has purchased in Washington. He will deny himself to all callers except immediate members of his family, it is said, and a very few intimate friends with whom throughout his illness he has kept in contact. No formal engagements of any character are expected to be made by the President until he shall have thoroughly adjusted himself to private life after some 10 years in public service. Even the writing which he has planned to do upon his retirement from the White House will be postponed for several months, his friends say. Mr. Wilson is understood to have declined a number of invitations to spend part of the summer out of Washington, but because of his delight with the pleasant weather there last summer, the first which he had spent in the city, it is regarded as unlikely that he will accept any of these invitations. For possibly six months, friends of the President believe, his life will be wholly taken up with recreation. His chief diversion since his illness has been reading. He is said to have practically exhausted the field of detective stories, of which he has always been especially fond, and more recently has taken up novels and light stories. He also has given some time to reading poetry.

MR. W. R. DEATON DIED LAST WEEK

Body Brought Home From Baltimore; Burial By Junior Order Sunday Afternoon.

The body of Mr. W. R. Deaton, who died on Thursday of last week in Baltimore, was brought home Saturday and burial was made Sunday. Mr. Deaton was taken to Baltimore recently for treatment for Riggs' disease. He had been sick for almost a year. The funeral services on Sunday afternoon were conducted by Rev. G. P. Abernethy at the East Baptist church, of which the deceased was a member. The Junior Order had charge of the services at the grave, marching in a body to the cemetery. Mr. Deaton is survived by his wife and three children. Mrs. Deaton is a daughter of Mr. Bob Deal.

PRESENT CONGRESS IS ALMOST OVER

Only a part of Month is Left; The Fordney Emergency Tariff Bill is Still Up.

Congress started another busy week Monday by completing adoption over the President's veto of the joint resolution directing the cessation of enlistments until the army is reduced to 175,000 men, according to all indications. The resolution was re-adopted by the house 271 to 16 within an hour after the President's veto had been announced. Only a few working days remain for this session of Congress and both the house and senate are expected this week to begin early morning and night sessions. The Fordney emergency tariff bill, now before the senate, is the key log of the congressional jam which threatens extinction not only of much regular legislation but of several regular appropriation bills. Passage of the tariff bill this week was the aim of the Republican senate leaders, who then plan to put their shoulders behind a cleanup program of appropriation measures. Among important legislation caught in the jam with predictions of extinction are the packer regulation bill, the soldiers' bonus measure, the Calder coal regulation bill, the measure for reapportionment of the house and proposals for disarmament agreement. Only one of the 16 regular supply bills have passed the senate, six of which are waiting consideration and others are in the senate committees or awaiting action in the house. The latter expects this week to pass the last four appropriation measures, the huge army and navy budgets, the fortifications measure and the deficiency bill.

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SPECIAL TERM OF BURKE COURT NEXT WEEK

Two Weeks' Term Begins Next Monday, February 14th, Judge Lane Presiding.

The special term of court ordered for the purpose of getting rid of an accumulation of criminal cases, some of them growing out of the Lippard trial, many continued for one reason and another from former courts, and a number of more recent developments, will convene next Monday morning for two weeks. Judge Henry P. Lane of Reidsville will preside. Solicitor Huffman stated yesterday that he had not made out a trial calendar but the cases of a more pressing nature will probably come first.

SATURDAY'S ELECTION IN GRAND JURY ROOM

Voting Place on School Bonds Question is the Grand Jury Room at Court House

Voters in the Morganton graded school district will go to the grand jury room at the court house Saturday for the exercise of the right to vote on the question of issuing bonds for school improvements. There will be only one voting place this time—not four as in general election. Every voter should remember that if he or she is registered and does not vote that it is the same as voting against bonds, because in order to carry the election there must be a majority of the registration. Vote early Saturday for bonds.

WILSON CALLS SPECIAL SESSION OF SENATE

President Wilson, acting on the recently communicated request of President-elect Harding, has issued a proclamation calling a special session of the Senate to convene March 4.

Request that the special session be called was made to the President several days ago by Senator Underwood, of Alabama, minority leader of the Senate, who received the request of the President-elect through Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the majority leader. The session will act on cabinet and other appointments by Mr. Harding, and probably will last only a short time.

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Those Opposed to the Doughton-Connor Bill Will Fight Passage On the Floor.

State legislators differing with all of the road bills for a State-wide system of hard-surfaced highways have served notice that they will carry the fight to the floor of the Senate and House and there attempt to secure revision in the measures. That there is a wide difference of opinion over the method of building a State system of highways is admitted and this fact is borne out by the introduction of four bills, all calling for virtually the same mileage, but differing greatly in the main. Debate over the Doughton-Connor bill, one of the first to be laid before the lawmakers, is expected to consume a major portion of the time of the legislative session for some time. Representatives of the North Carolina Good Roads association and the Citizens Highway association from all sections of the State attended the public hearing before the committee on roads and turnpikes Thursday afternoon. There were about 300 men and women present at the hearing and a number who spoke endorsed in the main the Doughton-Connor bill. The sentiment of those who spoke was that the roads should be constructed by the State and maintained by the State as well. The following made brief addresses endorsing the measure and urged its passage: Gov. Will Newland, of Caldwell county; J. Elwood Cox, of High Point; Leonard Tufts, of Pinehurst; John S. Hill, of Durham; D. F. Giles, of Marion; W. D. McMillan, of Wilmington; N. G. Buckner, of Asheville; E. J. Sharpe, of Kannapolis; C. S. Wallace, of Morehead City; Secretary Case, of Elizabeth City; T. J. Finch, of Thomasville; Miss Hattie Berry, secretary of the North Carolina Good Roads association, and Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick of Charlotte. Heriot Clarkson of Charlotte, chairman of the joint legislative committee of the two road associations, acted as spokesman of the delegation. Mrs. Mary Sloop, of Avery county, also endorsed the bill.

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BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER BURKE

Items of Interest Gathered From Different Sections of the County By News-Herald Correspondents

GLEN ALPINE
G. W. Danner, deputy sheriff and special officer, took to Morganton Monday ten stills and two barrels of moonshine whiskey. Officer Danner's postoffice is Glen Alpine and he would like to get in touch with information of those who are violating the law and he would do the rest. Rev. P. J. Shell has accepted the call extended him by the Baptist church and will serve the church the first Sunday in each month at 11 o'clock. Last week by an omission and oversight of the printer the notice of Rev. J. A. MacLean's appointment at the Presbyterian church was left out. This was unintentional on the part of the paper. We are still in the shadow and suffering from mud and bad roads, but we are in hopes for the sun and wind to give us relief. Rev. M. A. Adams, of Rutherfordton, held services at the Baptist church at 11 o'clock and 3 o'clock Sunday. Also the regular services at the Methodist church and at the Presbyterian church at night by Rev. J. A. MacLean. While most of the snow has disappeared from the roads, in the shade places a good deal of it is in evidence. Farmers are badly behind in their winter plowing on account of the wet weather. Mrs. J. H. Giles is visiting Mrs. F. O. LaFevre in Asheville. The young people's society of the Methodist church held its regular meeting Sunday afternoon. As a special feature the audience was carried on an imaginary trip to New Orleans by a dialogue given by a few of the members. On Wednesday evening, February 2nd, Glen Alpine enjoyed an unusual treat at the Methodist church. Rev. Huffman of Hickory, and Mr. Easley of Concord, both of whom are blind, entertained us with music and lectures. Mr. Easley is a man of unusual musical talent. "To a Wild Rose" and a lullaby of original composition were among his most enjoyed pieces. In honor of her birthday Mrs. C. B. Gibbs had for her dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Elders of Bridgewater. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Billings of Morganton, are spending some time with Mrs. Billings' parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Danner. Messrs. Carl and James Dale of Bridgewater, spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Buff. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smith of Connelly Springs, have been visiting her. Miss Mary Giles gave a party Saturday evening in honor of the senior class. The evening was enjoyably spent. A delicious fruit course followed by candy was served. Miss Beulah Hennessee entertained a few friends at her home last Wednesday evening. The evening was spent in playing games. Delicious refreshments were served. Those (Continued on fifth page)

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