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## HANGING ROCK PURCHASED BY FLORIDA CO-OPERATION

Fifteen Million Dollar Concern Intends To Make Big Playground, Will Erect Three Hundred-Room Hotel; Other Improvements.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 4.—A fifteen-million-dollar corporation from Florida has purchased Hanging Rock, twenty-five miles north of Winston-Salem, and expects to make of it a gigantic playground for the man of moderate means who hasn't the time to visit Blowing Rock, Roaring Gap or some of the other mountain resorts not so near the city, it was learned yesterday.

Engineers and architects are working feverishly on the plans for a 300-room hotel, summer cottages and dams for the three vigorous mountain streams which cut through the property at an altitude of 2,000 feet. They are to be converted into large lakes.

Three thousand and ninety-six acres are involved in the development, and the consideration entered on the deed was \$45,000. The development is to be begun within the next six months.

### Florida Men Interested.

M. J. Husley, of Tampa, Fla., and associates are purchasers of the property, and mean business, it is declared. The property was sold by D. D. Smith.

Purchasers have made a fortune in Florida real estate and are getting out of Florida while they have a good opportunity because they seem to feel that the safest investment is in North Carolina.

Hanging Rock is described by the company which first placed it on the market as the only point in the south as high and as near the Atlantic ocean. It has an altitude of 2,572 feet, or 322 feet higher than Asheville.

The tentative site for the hotel is a spot that overlooks the Blue Ridge for thirty miles west. An eighteen hole golf course is to be laid out in front of the hotel.

A polo field, rifle range and athletic field are on the program.

## DUKE MANSION PUT ON MARKET

Prominent Cotton Mill Men May Buy Estate in Myers Park, Fashionable Section in Charlotte.

Charlotte, Dec. 2.—The Duke Mansion and estate in Myers Park, one of the residential show places of the South has been placed on the market for sale. Connected with the news that the mansion and environs are for sale, was the report that Col. LeRoy Springs, of Lancaster, S. C., and Martin L. Cannon, and J. H. Cutter, of Charlotte are prospective purchasers. One report was that Col. Springs already has agreed to buy the property.

The Duke estate embraces seventeen acres of land in Myers Park, the residence and other buildings on the premises are estimated to be worth a million dollars or more.

The site originally was the home of the late Z. V. Taylor, former president of the Southern Public Utilities Company, who had erected there a handsome residence. When Mr. Duke bought the site from Mr. Taylor, he preserved only a part of the structure of the Taylor home and constructed on the site the present mansion.

Col. Springs one of the multi-millionaire textile magnates of the South, is known to have been considering for several years the purchase or construction of a residence in Myers park. The Duke Mansion has been noted as a showplace about Charlotte, not only for the elegance of the residence, but for the beauty of the grounds which constitute one of the beauty spots of this state. One of the features of the Duke estate is the fountain which shoots a stream of water ninety feet into the air.

### Cures for Insomnia?

FOR RENT—Three Rooms; one double bed and two single beds; cold and hot water in each. Inquire 1186 Palm Street. Phone 1090-W.—Classified ad in a California paper.

## GEO. S. NORFLEET SERIOUSLY ILL

Suffered Stroke Paralysis Sunday Morning and Is Unable To Speak—Has Many Friends In Stokes.

The host of friends of Geo. S. Norfleet in Stokes county will learn with sincere regret that he is seriously ill at his home in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Norfleet suffered a stroke of paralysis Sunday morning, his right side being affected and he is unable to speak.

Mr. Norfleet returned early Sunday morning from New York City, and upon arrival at his home told members of the family that he felt tired and wished to rest. He went to sleep and when an attempt was made to awake him at noon he was found to be ill and physicians were called. Immediately medical attention was given but no change was noted until late in the evening when a slight improvement was evident.

## STATE'S FIRE LOSS DURING OCTOBER

It Was Almost \$100,000 Less Than During the Same Month In 1924—October Figures \$282,064.

Raleigh, Dec. 3.—North Carolina's fire loss during October of this year was almost \$100,000 less than during October, 1924, and was more than \$10,000 less than during October, 1923, the monthly report of the fire loss issued today by the State Insurance Department shows.

The report was issued late, it was explained at the Insurance Department, due to the belated vacation of Andrews Joyner, publicity director and statistician of the department, who has just returned from his vacation.

The exact figures for the three Octobers are: October, 1923, \$323,053; October, 1924, \$381,981; and October, 1925, \$282,064.

Of the total loss during October, last, \$180,650 was due to nine fires. The remaining 163 fires caused a loss of only \$101,414, or an average loss of \$620 per fire. The latter figure includes all fires where the loss was less than \$5,000.

The heaviest loss of the month was at Oxford, where a fire in a hosiery mill caused damage of \$55,000; the next largest loss was caused by a store fire at Winston-Salem, with a loss of \$49,200; a veneer plant at Edenton came third, with a loss of \$22,000.

## Quantity Whiskey Mash Found in the Atlanta Federal Pen

Atlanta, Dec. 1.—Warden John W. Snook, of the United States penitentiary, today was conducting an inquiry in an endeavor to learn just who is responsible for a large amount of embryonic whiskey found secreted in a ventilator in the mess hall of the prison late yesterday.

The discovery was made by William A. Rogers, a guard from Kentucky, who reported his find to the warden. The "mash" was in a large butter tub and was "all laid for a run." Warden Snook immediately ordered it destroyed.

### All Forgiven

A married couple were knocked down by a motor. The car dashed away. The police arrived and found the couple bursting with indignation, especially the wife.

"Do you know the number of the car?" asked the policeman.

"Yes," replied the husband, "by a strange coincidence the first two numbers formed my age and the second two the age of my wife."

"John," said the wife, "we will let the matter drop at once!"—Dorfbarber (Berlin).

## THIEVES AT WORK NEAR KING

Home of J. D. Culler Entered and Robbed—News and Personal of King.

King, Dec. 7.—Mr. Jarvis Wright, of Colon, N. C., is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. C. J. Kirby, in Walnut Hills.

Miss Mollie Rodman spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Pilot Mountain.

A force of carpenters and brick masons are at work on a new home for Mr. B. F. Pulliam on West Main St.

Miss Irene Spainhour, aged fifteen years, daughter of Mr. L. O. Spainhour, who resides near here, died at the Martin Memorial hospital Friday following an operation. The interment was conducted from Mount Olive church Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m.

Unknown thieves entered the home of Mr. J. D. Culler, who resides 3 miles West of town Saturday night while the family were all away from the house and carried off two watches, a couple of hand bags, all his co-operative certificates for deferred payments on his tobacco and several other articles including forty-nine cents in coin.

Mr. Albert Hutchins, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with his parents here.

The six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Caudle is very sick with pneumonia at their home in Walnut Hills.

Mr. W. T. Newsum, of High Point, spent Sunday with his parents here. Miss Annie Shore, of Greensboro, spent the day Sunday with relatives and friends here.

The new service station being erected by Mr. Thomas E. Smith on East Main St. is nearing completion. Mr. Ray Kiser, of Winston-Salem, was among the visitors here Sunday. Dr. Grady E. Stone returned Sunday from a professional trip to Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Love, of Winston-Salem, spent the day Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Pansy Boyles, daughter of Mr. C. O. Boyles, prominent merchant of this place, who underwent a major operation in a Richmond hospital Saturday morning is reported to be getting on nicely.

Mrs. Annie I. Smith, who has been spending several days with relatives here left today for her home in Boston, Mass.

## J. R. NUNN IS FOREMAN JURY

Federal Court Convened Monday—Judge Webb Says Prohibition Has Proven Success.

Greensboro, Dec. 7.—Judge E. Yates Webb, opening the December term of Federal court here this morning, declared that the people, the ones who do the fighting and pay the taxes for war, should have some say in declaring war. Part of his charge was a strong argument against militarism. "Give the military fellows a chance and they will put in uniform every boy over 15 years of age," he said.

Four dollars out of every five go to pay for past or future wars, Judge Webb declared.

He praised the prohibition law; said that nowhere is it better enforced than in the western district of North Carolina. "Of course there are some violations like in all laws, but they will decrease," he said. "Look at the good schools, good roads, growth in savings bank deposits, growth in building and loan since prohibition became effective," said the judge.

"The bootlegger might as well make up his mind that whatever is best in the country has turned thumbs down on the liquor traffic."

The court was organized for business with J. R. Nunn as foreman and other jurors being J. B. Ingram, L. J. Ingram, W. T. Fletcher, J. R. Williams, Paul E. Coble, W. T. Crissman, A. H. Ausley, W. E. Connolly, Jerry Marion, A. H. Macon, J. V. Fox, Oscar Tucker and Roscoe Branson.

## DAN RIVER BRIDGE TO COST \$81,362.50

State Highway Commission Lets Contracts For Roads and Bridges In State.

Raleigh, Dec. 8.—New state highway construction projects let to contract this afternoon will cost \$1,959,071.85 for 59 miles of paving and 11 miles of grading. The banner job goes to Davidson county for the hard-surfacing of the Lexington-Winston-Salem highway, route 60, from Lexington to the Forsyth line. Powell Construction company of Winston-Salem was low bidder on the project at \$324,754.80.

Other big jobs go to Jackson, Swain, Alexander and Richmond counties which get hard-surfaced construction of important stretches. Route 10 in Jackson and Swain counties will have 18 miles of paving added at a cost of a half million dollars; the nine-mile stretch between Taylorsville and the Wilkes county line will be paved for \$304,000 and Richmond county will get a nine-mile hard-surfaced stretch from Rockingham to Ellerbe.

Competition was keen among the contractors at the opening of bids, and the ten projects which the highway commission has estimated to cost not exceeding \$2,075,000 were taken for a hundred thousand dollars less.

The list of project mileage, low bidders and cost follows:

No. 95, Swain county, 7.8 miles of paving on route 10 from Albemarle to the intersection of route 236. Appalachian Construction company of Knoxville, Tenn., \$183,815.40.

No. 95, Jackson county, 12 miles of paving on route 10 from Sylva to Waywood county line. Overstreet-Nance Construction company of Bedford, Va., \$317,921.80.

No. 755, Stokes county, bridge over the Dan River, J. M. Gregory of Pittsboro, \$81,362.50.

No. 605, Alexander county, 9 miles of paving on route 87 between Taylorsville and the Wilkes county line, road work by W. E. Graham of Mt. Ula, \$304,107; structures, Mucker and Younts, \$31,835.

No. 6610, Richmond county, 9 miles of paving on route 51 between Rockingham and Ellerbe, road work by Coastal Construction company of Florence, S. C., \$276,100; structures J. S. Bowers of Whiteville, \$32,108.75.

No. 957, Rockingham county, 4.4 miles of paving on route 77 between Madison and Stokes county line, Hagedorn Construction company of Greensboro, \$112,150.60.

No. 5230, Davidson county, 11.6 miles of paving between Lexington and the Forsyth county line, Powell Construction company of Winston-Salem, \$324,754.80.

No. 177 Wake county, 6.6 miles of paving on route 50 between Cary and Apex, Foster Construction company of North Wilkesboro, \$196,049.00.

No. 345, Cumberland, 7.8 miles of grading on route 22 between Wade and Harnett county line, roadway by J. L. Mulligan Construction company of North Wilkesboro, \$29,077.30; structures, J. S. Bowers, \$29,061.50.

No. 346, Cumberland, 4 miles of grading on route 22 from the Robeson county line toward Fayetteville, roadway by Beal Brothers of Bear Creek, \$15,827.50; structure, E. A. Wood and company of Andrews, \$23,334.

## Joe Eaton Was Arrested Sunday

Joe Eaton, a young man of Meadows township, was arrested Sunday and brought here to jail charged with signing the name of A. E. Southern to a note or check recently when he purchased an automobile at Winston-Salem. Bond for his release has been fixed at \$500.

### His Reward

"But," protested the new arrival, as St. Peter handed him a golden trumpet, "I can't play this instrument; I never practised while on earth."

"Of course you didn't," chuckled the old saint. "That's why you are here."—Zion's Herald.

## CO-OPS PLAN TO SIGN UP 65 PER CENT OF LAND OWNERS

Growers Themselves Have Charge of Danville Meeting and Complete Harmony Prevails—13 Counties Represented.

## STOKES MAY HAVE HEALTH OFFICER

Ladies Representing Fine Arts Club Appeared Before Board Monday and Asked That Some Action Be Taken For Relief Of Families.

Stokes county may soon have a whole-time health officer. At the regular monthly meeting of the board of county commissioners here Monday, Mesdames A. J. Fagg and R. H. Morefield, representing the civic department of the Fine Arts Club, appeared before the officials and asked that some action be taken to assist a number of families in the county that are in destitute circumstances. The commissioners were also asked to employ a whole-time health officer for the county.

The matter was taken under consideration by the commissioners and a definite answer will be given the representatives of the club at the next regular meeting of the board. Provision was made for the temporary relief of the families that need assistance.

## WORK RESUMED AT STONE MOUNTAIN

Sculptor Lukeman On The Scene and Announces His Plan For Memorial—Includes Amphitheater.

Atlanta, Dec. 1.—Drilling on the Confederate memorial at Stone Mountain was resumed today after a cessation of work last spring. Augustus Lukeman, sculptor in charge of the work, arrived in Atlanta yesterday to assume personal direction of the work.

Mr. Lukeman announced that the first work would consist in removing the surplus stone from around the central group, which he hopes to complete within two years. The sculptor brought with him the master model made from memory that will be carved into the granite just below the central group. The model depicts in detail the sight of the hall when completed will be 100 feet wide 50 feet high and 50 feet deep.

Spanning the entrance will be 13 columns representing the 13 Confederate states, while within 13 granite panels, bearing the names of the "founders roll," members of each of the southern states, and a granite figure of a woman—a figure of memory.

Leading down from the esplanade will be 13 steps which will end at the tomb of the "Unknown Confederate Soldier," which in turn will be flanked on either side by two great flagpoles, one for the Stars and Bars and the other for the Stars and Stripes. Circling the lower part will be formed from the waters of a spring at the base of the mountain, will be an amphitheatre of granite seating 10,000 persons. The stairways, loggion and amphitheatre will occupy the entire 650 feet below the base of the mountain and the road.

## Motor Hearse Used To Bring Tobacco To Danville Market

Danville, Dec. 1. Five hundred pounds of tobacco was brought to the local market on a motor hearse Monday. G. W. Dalton, of Altavista, explained by saying he wanted to make a quick trip and he borrowed the funeral vehicle from J. T. Finch. Mild astonishment prevailed on the warehouse floor when the hearse rolled up.

### A Colorado Antique

The ranch house on the Ralph McGlockin place between State Bridge and Wolcott was entirely destroyed by fire last week. For twenty-five days it has been one of the landmarks of the country.—News Item in the Craig (Col.) Empire.

Danville, Va., Nov. 30.—Co-operative marketing of tobacco will continue on a growing scale in the old bright belt of Virginia and North Carolina for the five years following the expiration of the present contract of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association, according to the contract adopted by the meeting of more than 600 farmers, representing the cream of the tobacco growing industry, who came Saturday from 43 counties of North Carolina and Virginia and packed the Masonic temple here.

The new contract, which was ratified by the representatives of 43 tobacco growing counties Saturday, calls for absolute control of all tobacco grown upon the lands of signers by the association. It calls for a 65 per cent sign-up of all the tobacco growers in the old belt of Virginia and North Carolina, and in case of failure to attain the 65 per cent quota, it allows a withdrawal privilege to all signers and a complete dissolution of the association in case the withdrawals bring the percentage of the association's holdings to less than 50 per cent.

Growers here Saturday evidenced strong determination not to form another association in which split crops and loop holes for contract breakers would allow outsiders and defaulting members to gain the higher prices which have been made upon the open markets, due, it is claimed by co-operative members, to the orderly marketing of a minority of the land-owning tobacco farmers of North Carolina and Virginia.

Although following the lead of the dark tobacco growers of Virginia and bright tobacco growers of South Carolina calling for a 65 per cent contract which absolutely binds all land-owning members to deliver their entire crop to the association, the old belt farmers, while forming a separate organization Saturday, made provision for federation with the other groups of growers at such time as shall be deemed wise.

Saturday's meeting was entirely in the hands of the grower members.

## TAX COLLECTIONS SHOW AN INCREASE

North Carolina Nearly Two Million Dollars Ahead Of Last Year.

Raleigh, Dec. 1.—State tax collections in North Carolina for the present fiscal year are nearly two million dollars ahead of collections this time last year, and are more than double the total collections for the first five months of the fiscal year 1924, figures for the month of November, and comparative figures for July, August, September, October and November 1924 and 1925 show.

During the first five months of the present fiscal year taxes totaling \$3,977,090.55 have been collected, while the figure for the first five months of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1924, was \$1,001,491.23. November's collections, although showing an unmarked gain over November 1924, are only slightly more than half those for October of this year. The collections for October were \$1,047,421.77, while those for the month ended yesterday were \$549,024.13.

Most of the big franchise taxes, which are payable in October and November, were paid during October, it was pointed out at the office of R. A. Doughton, commissioner of revenue, as the explanation of the big showing during October, and the decrease from that month by November.

### Jumpy Homes

HONEST, responsible girl or woman to sit on houses afternoons from 1 to 4:30 daily including Sunday. Salary \$10 pre week. 3975 Wilshire Blvd. cor Wilton Pl.—Los Angeles Times.

Unfortunately, posterity will also have the task of paying off the grudges.—Lincoln Star.