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Carroll County Signs Contract For The Building of Fancy Gap Road

Supervisors Met Monday and Transferred the Money to the Virginia State Highway Commission For Building of Historic Road Down Blue Ridge.

ENGINEERING CREW BEGAN WORK AT STATE LINE TUESDAY

It can be truly said that Carroll County officials are "keeping the faith" with their people in regard to road construction for on Monday the supervisors of that county met at Hillsville and officially signed the proper contracts and agreements submitted to them by the Virginia State Highway Commission whereby the state will at once begin the construction of a tarvis bound rock road between Hillsville and the state line on the Fancy Gap leading to Mount Airy. Four years ago Carroll County issued \$300,000 road bonds and loaned it to the state for the construction of roads in her county. This money is to be paid back to the county by the state this year and now the officials are re-loaning it to the state for the construction of the Fancy Gap road. At the meeting Monday only \$150,000 of the amount was signed over to the state as the state highway commission said that was all they would be able to spend on the road this summer and they would wait until a later date to ask for the remainder.

There are five members of the board of supervisors, one of whom has opposed the construction of the Fancy Gap, but the other members are strong in the opinion that the Fancy Gap project means more to the development of the county than any other road that could be built. By its construction, a large part of the county is given a ready outlet to this city for its tremendous quantities of produce and other farm products that are annually grown in our neighboring county and state.

An engineering crew of five members arrived in this city Tuesday at noon and immediately began the work of surveying the road from the state line to the foot of the mountain, they working from this end of the road. Already a large amount of work has been done on the road and the grade from Hillsville and half way down the mountain is practically ready for surfacing. The mountain road has been blasted out and widened until that portion which has been worked on, is as fine a mountain grade as can be found in this state, and when completed it is said that any good car in fair running condition can make the mountain in high gear.

The state highway commission already has in operation two giant steam rock crushers located at a limestone quarry on the Poplar Camp road beyond Hillsville and these are daily crushing large quantities of limestone rock to be used on the road. Last year the state put a surface of rock on the road from Hillsville to Poplar Camp, and now they are putting on another heavy layer of stone and will then bind it together with a layer of tarvis, making a first class tarvis bound macadam road.

With the assured fact that our Virginia neighbors will build a hard-surface road to the state line at an early date it now becomes the duty of the road officials of this state to begin considering a like move and get under construction the small stretch of road from the city to the state line which connects with the Fancy Gap road. Already there is a mutual understanding between road officials of the two states to make the road between Mount Airy and Hillsville a hard surface project and now that Virginia has made a definite start in the construction of her end of the road it is up to North Carolina to make a like move.

LEARN TO SAVE

Our farmers must learn to save as well as make before prosperity decides to abide in our beloved Dixie. Eight years ago one of our neighbors bought a new one-horse wagon. One year later we bought one. Both wagons fared about alike except that the neighbor's wagon was kept under a shed when not in use. His wagon is good as new, while ours is junk.—C. L. G., in The Progressive Farmer.

FATHER OF AUTO DIES FROM INFLUENZA

Elwood Haynes Operated First Automobile Thirty-One Years Ago—Considered Crank of The First Magnitude.

Kokomo, Ind., April 13.—Elwood Haynes, pioneer automobile builder of this city, died at his home here tonight of influenza. He had been critically ill for several days.

Mr. Haynes inventor of America's first automobile and internationally known as a scientist and metallurgist, was stricken with influenza following his return from a trip to Washington recently.

On the fourth of July, 1894, Elwood Haynes, then a young field superintendent for a natural gas company with headquarters at Kokomo, Ind., had a queer buggy, without tongue or shafts, towed out onto a country road. He drove it triumphantly back into Kokomo, at the remarkable speed of eight miles an hour, under power generated by a gasoline engine. That it is claimed was the first trip of a gasoline driven vehicle in America.

This horseless carriage, which soon became a familiar sight in the streets of Kokomo, was the result of two years of experiments and now is preserved in the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, D. C. Mr. Haynes said he was ordered to "get that contraption off the streets," when he drove his first automobile into Chicago.

The automobile was the direct result of the fact that Mr. Haynes had a large territory to cover in his duties as field superintendent for a natural gas company. He desired to make his rounds more rapidly than he could with a horse and started his experiments, being of an inventive turn of mind and having a technical education.

A year after his first successful trip with his horseless carriage, Mr. Haynes formed a company for the manufacture of automobiles and was president of it for many years. He invented numerous improvements in the automobile.

86,496 Babies Born in The State During 1924

Raleigh, April 11.—There were 86,496 babies born in North Carolina, the whole union's champion birth-rate state in 1924. This total was announced by the vital statistics department of the state board of health today.

The 1924 total exceeds that of 1923 by 2,306. In 1923 there were only 84,190 births reported.

Giving the figures by months, Dr. F. M. Register, of the vital statistics department, pointed out that December led all other months, with a total of 8,770. Its nearest competitor was June, with 7,898.

Dr. Register said physicians were growing less lax all the time in reporting births. In a test conducted by the vital statistics bureau of the federal census bureau, he added, North Carolina made a score of 92 on reporting births. This state is now in the federal registration area.

Liquor Car Camouflaged With Traps For Camping

Asheville, April 8.—Liquor valued at \$2,000 or more was seized, and a twin-six Packard automobile bearing a Massachusetts license tag was confiscated by the police this afternoon. The automobile was being washed when someone suspected that it contained liquor, tipping off the police.

The officers made a quick search of the neighborhood, but could find no one to claim ownership of the automobile bearing the foreign license tag. The car was camouflaged with camping equipment to avoid detection. In trunks, traps and in other parts of the machine the liquor was stored.

FORD COMPANY ALONE REMAINS

Sale of Dodge Brothers Completes Financial Center Control on All Others

New York, April 4.—The purchase by Dillon, Read & Co. and their banking associates this week of the great Dodge Motor works for which they paid \$146,000,000 leaves Wall street just one more juicy plum to pick from the motor tree which blossomed and came to fruition in the middle west.

By a single stroke, ownership of Dodge Brothers, Inc., one of the largest producers of motor cars, has passed from the section where the industry was given birth to the east where control of practically every important automobile company, save one, now rests.

But that one hangs high on the motor plum tree and all the recent efforts of bankers to dislodge it have failed to bring it down. It is the Ford Motor company, greatest manufacturer of automobiles in the world.

Twenty years ago, an option on the Ford company went begging in Wall street for \$8,000,000. Nobody—not even Wall street—wanted it. This week the Dodge company, virtually an off shot of Ford, brings \$146,000,000, after a spirited struggle with the Morgan firm.

What Wall street would pay for the organization today can only be conjectured. Ford Motor Co. was established with capital of \$49,000 and 13 stockholders. Today it is worth nearly a billion. Just recently the annual statement disclosed, among other remarkable things a cash surplus alone of over \$300,000,000—there are but two stockholders, Henry Ford and his son, Edsel B. Ford. Both in the volume of production and in the value of sales the Ford company tops every other producer of automobiles.

FOUNDLING NOW AMONG RICHEST

Two Fortunes for Little Girl Left on Greek's Doorstep.

Minneapolis, N. Y., April 10.—Joy Louise Leeds, 12 years ago a foundling, today learned that she is one of the country's wealthiest children. Warner M. Leeds, who made a fortune in tin plate, and who, childless, had adopted Joy Louise 12 years ago, when she was a year old, left her the bulk of his estate, estimated at more than \$4,000,000.

Two years ago the child was left the \$4,000,000 estate of her foster mother, Mrs. Louise Hartshorne Leeds, who was killed in a plunge from a window of her New York home. The will of her foster father, who died two weeks ago, was filed here today.

Available data of the estates of rich children in the United States show the Leeds' heiress to be far richer than any of her contemporaries. Gloria Caruso received half of her father's \$3,000,000 estate and half of his posthumous phonograph royalties, estimated at \$225,000 a year. Each of the seven grandchildren of the late Senator William A. Clark, received \$1,000,000 at birth. The sixth John Jacob Astor, whose father died in the Titanic disaster, inherited something like \$3,500,000. John, Emily and Edward, children of E. B. McLean, Washington publisher, received trust funds amounting to more than \$1,000,000 each.

Joy Louise Leeds is not to come into the principal of her foster father's estate until she is 35 years old. Henry Abbott was named in the will as guardian of the estate and Mrs. Abbott as the child's personal guardian.

Bequests totaling little more than \$400,000 were made to other heirs. The new rich girl's origin is unknown. On the last day of January 1915, a policeman took to Bellevue hospital a little bundle of pink and white humanity which had been given him by a Greek woman on his beat. The girl, she explained, had been left on her doorstep by some one who had rung her doorbell and fled.

REMAINS OF FLOYD COLLINS TO BE TAKEN FROM TUNNEL

Miner Reaches Body by Opening Old Shaft—Excavator Finds Body in "Fair Condition"

Cave City, Ky., April 10.—Workers engaged in a second effort to recover the body of Floyd Collins from Sand Cave, where he was caught by a rock fall January 30, reached the body this afternoon and found it in fair condition, says a report reaching here from Sand Cave. The body will not be removed today, however.

W. H. Hunt, Central City miner, in charge of the work, said the party reached Collins through the old shaft which was abandoned when Collins was consigned to his natural resting place. The shaft was cleaned to the bottom, 55 feet, and the party then proceeded through the lateral, which volunteer workers excavated in February, to the cave itself.

Hunt's only comment was that the body "seemed to be in fair condition." He would not reveal his immediate plans for removing it from its wedged position.

When Collins was found dead February 16, volunteer workers decided to leave the body where Collins was caught, because of the danger connected with an attempt to remove it. The body is caught from behind and no one has ever been able to reach and remove the rock which holds it.

STOCKTON, Cal., April 10.—Homer Collins, brother of Floyd Collins, at present in this city, when notified that W. H. Hunt, a miner, had reached within a few feet of his brother's body said:

"That's good news. I have been paying Hunt to dig for the body of Floyd so that it could be moved to the crystal cave he discovered. I expect to return home to Cave City as soon as I have enough money to pay Hunt for his work, which will be in a few weeks more and then I will see that a suitable monument is erected for Floyd in front of the crystal cave and the casket enclosed in a steel box."

DEATH CAR OCCUPANTS GET PRISON SENTENCES

Judge Eager to Get Chance at Persons Who Sold the Liquor

Newton, April 11.—Judge Stack this afternoon sentenced Robert Michael and Wilfong Trott, each, to a term of not less than ten and not more than fifteen years in the State penitentiary at hard labor. These young men were convicted during the present term of Catawba court of murder in the second degree for the killing in an automobile collision of Miss Evelyn Rowe, on the evening of February 9th. Notice of appeal by both defendants was given in open court. Appeal bond was fixed at \$100 and appearance bond at \$20,000 for each defendant.

In passing sentence Judge Stack said he had purposely postponed sentencing the young men, under the hope that the officers could apprehend the men who sold the liquor, as they are the men most responsible for the death of the young lady. While he had sincere sympathy for young Trott and Michael, he had the protection of society and the majesty of the law committed to his charge by his oath of office. This verdict is to give notice that the people and courts of North Carolina are determined that the public highways must be made safe against drunken automobile drivers.

Bonds for Trott were promptly made. And he was on the streets a few minutes after the adjournment of court. The bonds for Michael have not yet been made.

Indorse Mixed Train on Wilkesboro Line

North Wilkesboro, April 11.—At the luncheon of the Kiwanis club today the club went on record as indorsing the proposed action of the Southern railway for making a mixed train out of the present morning and evening passenger train which runs daily between this city and Winston-Salem. While there was much opposition to the change, those advocating the proposition came out the winner. It is said that the jitney lines operating between North Wilkesboro and Winston have about taken all of the travel from this train, and this is given as the reason for making it a means for freight as well as passenger transportation.

Tom Jimison Unable to "Break Into Jail" and Begin Sentence

Ex-Governor Morrison is Behind Movement to Keep Him Off Chain Gang

Jimison Was At Courthouse at Noon Saturday Ready to Start His Sentence

Charlotte, April 11.—Tom P. Jimison, former Methodist preacher, labor paper editor and politician today was unable to "break into jail" here to begin serving a 60 day sentence imposed in city court last week on a charge of violating the national prohibition law.

Jimison, who on Thursday announced that he had withdrawn an appeal to Superior court and today would start serving the sentence, went to the courthouse at noon to surrender to the sheriff, to be sent to the gang.

In the meantime friends, headed by T. L. Kirkpatrick and former Governor Cameron Morrison, had gotten busy and prevented him from giving himself up at that time. Sheriff Cochran had no commitment papers, anyway, and couldn't take him in as a prisoner.

During the afternoon several conferences were held with city officials resulting in a decision to reopen the case next Tuesday morning in city court at which time it is believed here that City Judge Wade H. Williams will change the 60 day sentence to a fine and that the former Methodist minister will be allowed to go free upon payment of a cash penalty.

Jimison left the city late in the afternoon for Spencer to spend the week-end with his wife and son.

Former Governor Morrison, it was said here tonight, was the leader in the move to keep Jimison off the roads and secure a rehearing in the case next Tuesday. Lengthy conferences were held during the day in his office, these resulting in the decision to postpone Jimison's trip to the roads.

Jimison Issues Statement of Intention to Go to Roads

Charlotte, April 12.—"I told Sheriff Cochran this afternoon that I would be ready for the roads Saturday. I'm going home to look after a few little things and will be back in time to begin my pilgrimage to the gang Saturday at noon. I am not blaming my trouble on evolution, Darwinism or the devil. I am responsible."

In these words Tom P. Jimison, erstwhile Methodist minister and newspaper editor, now convicted liquor transporter, made known his intention of serving the 60-day road sentence imposed upon him last Friday by Recorder Wade H. Williams.

Mr. Jimison has been at liberty under a \$250 bond since his conviction in recorder's court. Yesterday he decided to abandon his appeal and take the sentence. A number of his friends have asked Judge Williams to change the sentence to a fine, but he has not done so. The charge of transporting whiskey arose from the finding of three pint bottles of booze in one suitcase and a jug with spirits in another suitcase he was carrying when he was arrested. Admitting that he had the liquor he adds that "I was simply perverse enough to try to do a kindness for a friend."

The prepared statement follows:

MAKES STATEMENT

"I shall withdraw my appeal this week, surrender to the sheriff, and be off for the chain gang. I have not asked for mercy, have begged no one for clemency, and I shall not do so. I want to pay to the state the utmost farthing for my offense against the majesty of the law. I have no money with which to inflate my influence and even if I had I do not care to be under obligation to the powers that be. I do not want it to be thrown in my face that I am indebted to my state, or that I failed to fulfill the law's demands.

"On last Friday morning I was arrested by two city detectives just after I had stepped from a local hotel and started to the railway station. I had some liquor in my possession. It had not been bought and was not for sale. It was not mine. I was simply perverse enough to try to do a kindness for a friend. That does not, of course, minimize my offense against the law. I was pursuing my way peacefully and the grip was not leaking. The hotel clerk had called up the police department and the men

were waiting for me.

"I was arrested without a warrant and held without the privilege of conferring with counsel or communicating with friends. My papers and personal effects were ransacked, read and confiscated, and when I asked for their return police officials denied that they had seen them. It was only through the kindness of Solicitor McAukey that I got possession of them. I had every sort of indignity heaped upon me at the city hall, one official inviting me 'to go to hell' because I politely asked him to allow me to use the telephone. It was merely an accident that I got in touch with Col. Kirkpatrick, that prince of good fellows, after I had already reached the courtroom. He did his best for me, and Solicitor McAukey treated me with great consideration.

SAYS FIRST OFFENSE

"Although it was my first offense against the law, and the first time in my life that I have been arrested, Recorder Wade Williams declared that I owed the state 60 days. I have no fault to find with his judgment in my own case. I want to pay it to the last full measure, and then I can wag my tongue and push my pen about many things that many folks do not crave to hear.

"For the most part the newspapers have been very considerate of my feelings. A few of them have written unkind editorials and taken nasty digs at me over the unfortunate incident, and have seemed to be greatly rejoiced over it. Most of these have been written by men who know, and who know that I know, that they have been parties to the concealment of crimes which would have shaken their cities and shocked the state. If any of them want me to give chapter and verse I shall be glad to accommodate them.

"The loyalty of a multitude of friends all over the state heartened me after my harrowing experience at the hands of Charlotte's minions of the law, an experience which temporarily ate me alive. More than a hundred men have offered to serve my sentence, which thing leads me, in my case, to change one of the famous sayings of Jesus to, 'greater love hath no man than this that he go to the chancery for his friend.' Scores of lawyers here and elsewhere have volunteered their services, many friends have offered financial assistance, and numerous preachers have proffered their prayers and whatever pull they have with the Lord. A few have preached at me through the mails, but they, too, thought they were helping. They have their reward.

To Change Paper's Name

"I want to say to my many friends who have so graciously subscribed to The Carolina Worker that it will be published in due time, though I fear the first issue will have to await my return from the roads. The name of it will probably be changed since the present name would be a 'teetle mite' too suggestive after I have done my 60 days. However I will tell many things through its columns that I can not tell through the columns of the local press. Its editorial pen will drag no ball and chain, even if its editor does. There are none so enslaved as those who falsely think they are free."

"I want my friends to know that I have regained my spirit (not that which the police department got) and that my head is unbowed. I am in a fine humor and expect to make a good contribution to the 'program of progress,' as well as to the 'program of economy,' by building roads in the county of Mecklenburg, home of the original, simon-pure, 100 per cent Declaration of Independence, the place where public officials violate four or five laws in order to enforce one. I also feel that I will be making a substantial contribution to the happiness of a great many people over the state by going to the roads. They have longed to see the day. It has come and I am happy to bring happiness to them. Everything will come out right. Bill Shakespeare, or some such notable, has said, 'All in swell that ends swell.' I am off for the gang.

TOM P. JIMISON.

P. S.—I do not yet know my convict number nor the position of the camp to which I will be sent, but will address to my office, 39 1-2 South Tryon street, Charlotte, will reach me in due season.