

QUARRY MAY GET BIG STONE CONTRACT

Government To Soon Let \$500,000 More On Arlington Bridge Job

Mr. J. D. Sargent, president of the North Carolina Granite Corporation, returned this week from a stay of several days in Washington where bids were being made on a half million dollars worth of additional stone to be used on the Arlington memorial bridge across the Potomac river. The local quarry is now completing the cutting of more than one and one-half million dollars of stone for this project and the government is calling for bids on additional stone work. Mr. Sargent is very hopeful of his firm getting the contract but stated on his return to this city that bidding was very keen on the job, and the price margins were cut to the very bottom by many of the quarries in their effort to land the contract.

It will be several weeks before the final contract is awarded on this work as the bids have to run the gauntlet of five different commissions appointed by the government to supervise the erection of this structure. The belief held by Mr. Sargent that his concern has more than an even chance of being awarded the contract is also concurred in by an Associated Press dispatch that was sent out from Washington on Monday following the receipt of the bids of last week. The press dispatch summed up the situation with the following comment:

"The way was paved today for the Arlington memorial bridge commission, headed by President Hoover to place its stamp of approval on the purchase of about \$500,000 worth of granite to go into the water gate and plaza at the Washington terminus of the bridge.

"Indications were that the North Carolina Granite corporation, of Mount Airy, and the John Swenson Granite company, of Concord, N. H., should be awarded the contracts. The North Carolina firm furnished the granite that has gone into the superstructure of the bridge and as it is planned to have the Rock Creek-Potomac parkway approach in harmony with the bridge proper, this firm is in preferred position, as it is also a low bidder. The Fine Arts commission has passed on the plans for the placing of the granite, and it is expected that about September 1 a contract will be let by Lieutenant Colonel U. S. Grant, 3rd executive officer of the commission, for placing this granite in position.

"The Swenson firm bid \$139,430 for the contract for furnishing granite for the curb and steps of the water gate while the North Carolina firm bid \$127,000 and \$279,000 as the low bidder for the contracts of furnishing granite in the form of ashlar for facing and the high class material desired for the copings and balustrades. Half a dozen firms in various parts of the country sought the contracts for delivering the granite in Washington.

Complete delivery of all the granite is called for by May 1 of next year. The granite will be stored in the vicinity of 26th and B streets near where the Orier-Lowrance company, of Statesville, the contractor for the foundations of the water gate and the parkway approach, is now at work. First deliveries of the granite are to commence soon and the first contract is to be completely fulfilled by November 15."

Circus Coming Here On August 16th

Here's good news for the kids of this section and for those of the older residents who are yet young enough to recall the days of their youth. A representative of John Robinson's circus was in the city this week and completed arrangements for showing at the fair grounds on Friday, August 16th, for one day only. For years the large circuses did not visit this city for the lack of railroad facilities, but since the A. & Y. has been in the hands of a receiver the road has been put into a condition which enabled it to handle the circus shipment as carried by Robinson's. It is said that the circus comprises 27 cars of equipment and exhibits. A lease has already been signed with John H. Midkiff, secretary of the fair grounds, for its use.

Miss West Goes to Canada

Miss Lula B. West is attending a meeting of the International Council of Nurses in Montreal, Canada, as a representative of the North Carolina Nurses Association.

Rev. Jasper Snow At First Baptist Church

In the absence of the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mount Airy, Rev. J. N. Snow, of McKeesville, N. D., will preach at both services.

Kiwanians Go To Galax For Outdoor Luncheon.

The members of the Kiwanis club and their wives and lady friends will be the guests of the Galax Rotary club tomorrow evening. The Galax club has planned an outdoor luncheon for their Mount Airy guests to be given on the beautiful lawn of the T. M. Felts home at Cliffview, two miles from Galax. Members will meet in front of the Blue Ridge hotel at 5 P. M. Friday and are to reach Galax not later than 6.30.

Peach Crop Sold By Sparger Orchards

Northern Concern Purchases Entire Crop; Crop Best In Many Years.

A northern produce concern this week purchased the entire peach crop of the Sparger Orchards and will ship the fruit to the big cities of the north as fast as it is picked. Since making the purchase, the company has been investigating the best means of transporting the crop. It is estimated that there will be 8,000 crates and it is possible that the crop will be moved by motor trucks. The company states that they can load a truck here with 300 crates and leave here at 6 P. M. and have in New York the next night at midnight, placing the fruit on the New York market the second day after being picked in the Sparger orchards. Negotiations are under way with the railroads also and the schedule that can be offered by them will determine the method to be used in making the shipments.

Mr. J. B. Sparger, president of the Sparger Orchards, says that he has reserved the right to sell and supply the local trade with peaches desired as well as to trucks which haul peaches to points across the mountain. The peach crop over the country is very short this year while the local orchards have a large crop, thus working in their favor as to prices received and a favorable market to sell on.

Representatives of another concern will visit this section next week and it is possible they will purchase the crop of apples of the Sparger and Coveland orchards. The apple crop of these two orchards is expected to be more than 75 thousand bushels, and is one of the best in years.

Mr. Springthorpe Purchases Home Here.

The home of J. W. Prather on the road facing the County Club golf links was this week purchased by Mr. Bruce Springthorpe who immediately began moving into it. Mr. Springthorpe and family moved to this city a few weeks ago and are now engaged supervising the erection of the machinery in their sweater factory on Willow street.

Reckless Driver Held For Court

Wreck Occurs Near Old Hollow Church.

Early Tuesday morning a disastrous wreck occurred at the Old Hollow Church, west of Mount Airy, near Cross Roads, said to be caused by a driver trying to pass another on a curve. Clyde Miller, of Pennsylvania, who is down here on a visit to friends near Winston-Salem, was driving a new Ford coupe and was coming into this city. It is said that Miller attempted to pass a car driven by Warren Nowlin a mechanic of the Ford Motor Co. and as he passed him there was a head on collision with a Dodge car full of people and with several standing on the running board, who had started to their work at the button factory at Laurel Bluff. It all happened so quickly that Nowlin ditched his car rather than to run into the wreck and injure himself and others probably. Several of the people in the Dodge car were taken to the hospital for treatment of minor cuts and bruises. Will Mathis also in the Dodge car is still confined in the hospital with a broken arm and other injuries. All of the cars were damaged so they had to be brought to the garages to be repaired.

Miller was arrested and charged with reckless driving and placed under a \$500 bond to await a hearing.

ROAD NOW GOES TOP OF PINNACLE

Enterprising Owner of Famous Mountain Reaping Revenue From Toll Road

Since the wild Indians roamed this section the Pilot Mountain has been famous. There are not many folks in this part of the country who have not climbed the mountain and, as they thought, risked life getting up the pinnacle. The view from that point is not surpassed in all this section of country.

In recent months conflicting stories have been in the newspapers about what was being done in the way of making a road up this mountain, building a big hotel, and so forth.

It is with pleasure that we are now able to tell the world that a good road has been made up the mountain and that one can go up in his automobile as safely as over other highways.

For a generation this mountain has been the victim of the courts, and year after year the case was heard and appealed and heard again, always trying to determine who was the rightful owner. Recently the case was finally settled and Mr. W. L. Spoon, a civil engineer of the city of Greensboro, became the owner. He has deeds to more than eleven hundred acres of land including the whole mountain. Report has it that he secured all this boundary for the sum of \$4,500.00. After clearing the title to the land Mr. Spoon, who is a man of ability in his profession and of means, made a survey of the mountain and found that it was practical to make a road to the top with an easy grade. A few months ago he put a steam shovel to work and within the past few weeks the road has been so nearly completed that it is now open to the general public.

The road up the mountain is on the east side and winds about the mountain a distance of something like four miles in the ascent. The grade is not steep and the road is of sufficient width that cars can pass with safety. On the top of the mountain a parking ground has been made sufficient to park an almost unlimited number of cars. The parking space is on top of what is called the little pinnacle. A wooden stairway has been made up the big pinnacle about where the famous ladders have been or generations. Thus the danger of going on the big pinnacle is removed and the most timid soul can now go up and see the world at no risk of life or limb.

Mr. Spoon has made all this improvement at a cost said to be as much as \$12,000.00. He has made it as an investment thinking that the mountain is of sufficient interest to this part of the state to make the road a paying investment. At the present time he is charging a toll of fifty cents on each car and fifty cents for each person who goes up. At this rate and the way the interest is at this time the road is a little gold mine. Some think that the present rate of toll is too high and that it will later be reduced as a matter of good business.

There is no talk at this time of a hotel on the mountain, but there are refreshments for sale, and later on it is probable that accommodations will be provided for those who may desire to spend a night on the mountain or even longer. Citizens who have gone on the mountain during the past week tell us that no one should have any fears about making this trip, and they predict that every car in this section of the country will soon find its way to this famous mountain.

Hospital News

Miss Virginia Young of The Hollow, Va., is a patient for treatment and possibly an operation for the removal of goitre.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Haskins Tuesday.

Wills Matthis, of route 3 has a broken forearm as a result of an automobile accident on the Mount Airy to Dobson road early Tuesday morning.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Money Tuesday.

Miss Jessie Flippin, of Stuart, Va., was operated on Monday for appendicitis.

C. F. Cain of Pilot Mountain route 3 is suffering from a fracture of the left leg as a result of a fall from a wheat stack Friday.

A. F. Snoddy of route 2 is a patient for medical treatment and is quite sick.

A daughter Peggy was born to Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Wheeler, of Walnut Cove July 1.

A daughter "Billy" was born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Prather Monday.

Mrs. Chap Harbour, of Greensboro, recovering nicely from an operation performed last week.

S. S. Convention at White Plains.

The annual Surry County Sunday school convention will be held Saturday and Sunday with the Friends Church at White Plains. The first session will be held at 9 P. M. Saturday followed by session Sunday morning at 10:30 and at two in the afternoon.

NEGROES ADMIT SERIOUS CHARGE

Those Held for Holding Up Porter Hawks Plead Guilty At Hillsville.

At a preliminary hearing in Hillsville this week the three negroes charged with holding up and robbing Porter Hawks near Lumburg a few weeks ago entered a plea of guilty and one of them took the witness stand and corroborated Mr. Hawks in his statement of facts.

There were four negroes in the car the night they stopped at Mr. Hawks' home at Lumburg and asked for a few gallons of gas. Three of them were caught in Winston-Salem and the identity of the fourth is now known, the information being given by those now held in jail.

The four negroes ran out of gas near Lumburg about three A. M. and woke Mr. Hawks and asked him to sell them some. Their car was about a mile up the road and Mr. Hawks carried the gas to them in his car. After the gas had been poured into the negroes' car one of them stopped Mr. Hawks as he started to leave and pointing a pistol at him ordered him not to move. They searched him and took \$80 off his person. They then placed him in their car and started back toward Mount Airy. As they passed the Hawks home the negroes held a pistol to his side and told him they would shoot if he made any outcry as they passed. They soon ran out of gas again and on investigation found that the drain plug in the bottom of the tank had lost out. Two of the negroes then went in search of more gas and at a store they stole a few gallons and finally got started again. It was then beginning to get daylight and the negroes let Mr. Hawks go, after having him in custody about two hours.

After pleading guilty at Hillsville they were carried to the Roanoke jail for safe keeping.

Our Sheriff Didn't Let This Happen.

A news report from Raleigh last week told of the Attorney General of the state making a ruling that required the sheriff of Wake County to pay over to the county the sum of \$1900 from his personal account covering that amount of taxes that were on his books and not advertised for collecting as provided by the law. Just where this leaves the Wake sheriff in forcing collection at this late date was not revealed. When the sale of land for taxes is held according to law the sheriff bids in all land not bought by individuals in the name of the county, but now that the time of sale has passed there is a question about his being able to make the county a bidder on the land sold.

During the past weeks while Sheriff Smith of this county was carrying out the provisions of the law as to advertising and the collection of the tax he was besieged with a large number of request from all over the county for him to hold up and give more time. But Sheriff Smith had no other alternative than to follow the law as to advertising and holding the sale. Had he been persuaded into postponing the sale of some of the property it is probable he would have found himself keeping company with the Wake County sheriff and paying over to the county a large sum of money from his personal funds.

A Second Story To Fulton Block

Brick and other building material is being placed in the rear of the Fulton buildings on Main street preparatory to building a second story on the Fulton block. The work will get started as soon as a large shipment of tile is received which is to be used in the front. The fronts will be remodeled and built of pressed brick with tile trimmings. The second floor will comprise office rooms, modernly fitted up with water and other conveniences, the second floor comprising 14 double office rooms. The entire Fulton block of buildings when completed will be heated with a central steam plant. Contractor D. H. Cooke has charge of the work.

Orphan Concert Class Coming.

The concert class of the Odd Fellows' Orphan Home at Goldsboro will give an entertainment in this city Monday night, July 15 in the Community Building on Rockford street near Main.

This class gives a high class program of songs, readings, quartets and orchestra numbers. It is a concert well worth the price of admission and in patronizing this entertainment you will help a good cause and at the same time get a fine program. Don't forget the date, hour and place. Community building, July 15, 8 P. M.

FARM BOARD MEETS SATURDAY AT DOBSON

County Agent V. C. Taylor Calls Important Gathering of Interest To Farmers

Stores To Have Half Holiday During Summer.

A large number of the stores and business houses of the city have entered into an agreement to close on Wednesday afternoons at one o'clock for the remainder of the day. This goes into effect next Wednesday continues through the month of August. An advertisement in this issue gives the list of those who will observe these hours during the summer.

Haymore Families Back On Visit

A Score of Descendants of Late Daniel Haymore Return For Lengthy Stay.

Franklin D. Haymore and his son, Arthur Haymore, arrived in this city Wednesday of this week coming from their home in the state of Arizona by train. Coming by automobile in two machines are other sons of Mr. Franklin Haymore and members of their families to the number of seventeen persons in all. The family has planned this vacation and visit back to the home-land for a long time and will now spend the summer here resting and visiting among their many relatives and visiting points of interest in this state.

Franklin Haymore is now eighty years of age. He is the son of the late Daniel Haymore who lived near this city. He is a first cousin to the late R. L. Haymore, thus being closely connected with all the Haymores of this section. He went west when a young man back in the year 1889 and has made several visits to his people here during the past years. Mr. Arthur Haymore visited this section about twenty-five years ago.

The story of the experiences of the family in the west sounds like fiction, though literally true. Franklin Haymore now lives in Douglas, Arizona, and his son, Arthur, in the country near Phoenix, the capital of the state. They have all become wealthy. For twenty years they lived in old Mexico and were extensively engaged in the cattle and mercantile business. They owned several stores and vast holdings of land and cattle. Mr. Franklin now owns a section of country in old Mexico to the extent of 60,000 acres, a territory almost as large as Surry county. This is known as grading land and has a value of as much as a dollar an acre. Mr. Arthur Haymore is a big land owner in the famous Salt River valley where land is worth as much as \$500 an acre. He is engaged in farming and stock growing on a large scale.

The family lived in old Mexico when the revolution started back in the days of the famous bandit Villa. Their experiences during the revolution are thrilling. On one occasion the bandits captured Arthur Haymore and held him for ransom demanding twenty thousand dollars for his freedom. When the money was not delivered as demanded they stood him up against the wall and prepared to put him to death the Mexican way by shooting. But being able to speak the Spanish language fluently he talked them out of their plans and later secured his release. Later the conditions became so precarious that the whole family left the country and came back to the states.

Because of his age and the length of the journey Mr. Franklin Haymore did not risk the trip here by automobile and came by rail. They will rent some large home here for a few weeks and make it their headquarters and spend the coming weeks among their friends.

Mrs. Ashber Bridge Hostess.

Mrs. Claude Ashber entertained eight couples at bridge Wednesday night in honor of Mrs. S. D. Duffield, of East Orange, N. J., Mrs. Sanford Chilton won high score and was presented with a brass bell. Mrs. Duffield was presented with a rose glass sugar and creamer. Mrs. John Frank, a recent bride, received an attractive piece of pottery and Miss Lillian Underwood, house guest of Mrs. G. D. Underwood, received a string of rose glass crystals. After the playing a frozen fruit salad course was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Herman Robinson, Mrs. John Foy and Mrs. G. D. Underwood.

J. W. Snoddy, of Salem, N. J. spent a part of last week with his mother and other relatives on route 1. Mr. Snoddy holds an important position with the Wheeler Condenser and Engineering Co.

The first meeting of the farm board of Surry County will be held Saturday of this week in the court house at Dobson at 2 o'clock. The newly elected county agent, V. C. Taylor, is now at work and one of his first acts was to issue a call for the meeting of the farm board to map out a plan of work for the county and to get from the members of the board their ideas of what lines of work were most needed at the present time.

Mr. Taylor has sent out the following call to the members of the board:

"There will be a meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Board in the court house at Dobson Saturday, July 13th at 2 P. M. The purpose of this meeting is to organize, elect officers, and appoint a delegate to go to a state meeting of farm bodies which meets soon. There will be other important business to come up before this board at that time. Therefore all members of this board who can possibly do so are earnestly urged to attend this meeting. Let's have a 100 per cent attendance at our first meeting. (Signed) V. C. Taylor, County Agent."

The advisory board of Surry County is composed of two farmers from each township. It is entirely non-partisan, being composed of an equal number of democrats and republicans. The board membership consists of:

Mount Airy Township: C. L. Badgett, W. E. Merritt.

Dobson Township: J. A. White, N. J. Martin.

Stewarts Creek Township: W. A. York, Luther Beamer.

Franklin Township: Geo. Hayes, I. F. Armfield.

Pilot Mountain Township: J. W. Denny, S. C. Carson.

Westfield Township: Walter Hill, P. H. Jessup.

Shoals Township: C. W. Key, Willis E. McKinney.

Long Hill Township: John Simmons, S. M. Stone.

Eldora Township: W. L. Chilton, G. T. Jones.

Elkin Township: J. M. Gentry, Pughs Fryon.

Bryan Township: J. A. Swift, J. F. Thompson.

Marsh Township: W. L. Cockerham, M. G. Sneed.

Rockford Township: L. R. Key, Lee Perkins.

Siloam Township: W. T. Crissman, W. S. Fulk.

Improving White Sulphur Springs

Hotel Being Remodeled And Will Soon Be Opened To The Public

For some years now the well known White Sulphur Springs has been closed to the public. Three years ago the owners began the work of rebuilding the hotel, which is a large one, and before the work was completed it was discontinued and nothing has been done since until a few weeks ago contractor J. E. Caudle put a large force of men to work completing the unfinished job. A visit to the place this week convinced us beyond question that one of these days before long the famous springs will again be open to the public. We went through the building and talked with the painters and paper hangers and found that the work of rebuilding the hotel is nearly completed. As many as sixty rooms have been completely worked over, repapered and painted, running water in each room and private bath in about half the rooms. When completed the building will be able to accommodate a large number of guests and in a way to compete with other summer resorts.

Mr. Caudle tells us that new furniture for the entire building has been bought and shipped and will be here in a few days. He says that no less than \$15,000.00 has been spent recently on this work, to say nothing of what was spent before the work was discontinued a few years ago.

New Addition to Hospital Staff

Miss Margaret Patterson, R. N. of Greensboro, has been added to staff of Martin Memorial Hospital as instructor of nurses.

Meeting To Be Held at Mount Bethel.

A protracted meeting will begin at Mount Bethel Methodist Church Sunday July 14. A young minister from Chicago will conduct the services. The meeting will continue through the week.