

President Roosevelt Restores Four and Half Million Dollars to Scenic Park-to-Park Road

Congressman Doughton Personally Asks that Funds Be Restored for Great Work

NOTHING FURTHER IN WAY

Washington, Sept. 25.—Representative Robert L. Doughton of Laurel Springs, chairman of the Governor's State committee to further construction of the Appalachian scenic parkway, announced after a conference with the President this afternoon that the Chief Executive had signed an order resoring four and a half million dollars to the parkway fund, so that work might proceed.

The ninth district congressman reached Washington and met Governor Ehringhaus, Caupus Wayne, chairman of the State Highway commission; Charles Ross, highway counselor; and Construction Engineer C. G. Browning of Raleigh by appointment, who had given the veteran congressman the distress signal on information that the entire scenic highway project was blocked for lack of funds.

This situation developed last winter when action on the emergency relief appropriation bill, from which additional funds were to have been allotted for the parkway, was delayed over the McCarran amendment demanding the prevailing wage on public works. Money was diverted from the six million dollar parkway fund for general relief.

Funds All Expended

The sum that was four and a half million dollars. Now that contracts are being awarded on the \$16,000,000 parkway that is to extend from the Shenandoah to the Smoky Mountain National parks, no funds were available as the million and a half dollars had been about all expended.

With this situation before the Tar Heel highway commission, Mr. Doughton made an appointment by telephone from his home at Laurel Springs to see the President and today laid the entire situation before him.

"The President not only issued an order restoring the four and a half million dollars," said Doughton, "but he also talked with enthusiasm of the project, saying he was greatly interested in seeing it completed in the quickest possible time. The result of the action on the part of the four and a half million dollars has been restored, and contracts may now be awarded for construction as rapidly as contracts can be let."

Dr. W. R. Graham Is Buried at Todd

Dr. W. R. Graham, aged and respected physician of the Todd community, died at his home there Monday after having been in feeble health for several weeks. Dr. Graham was 81 year old.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon and interment was made in the family graveyard near the home by the side of the wife of the deceased who was formerly a Miss Blackburn.

Dr. Graham was a prominent member of the Republican party in the county and had served as county chairman of the executive committee.

He is survived by one son, W. R. Graham, of the U. S. Army, and one grandson, Paul Jones, who made his home with his grandfather.

LOCAL TEACHERS TO GIVE ANNUAL DINNER OCT. 10

The members of the West Jefferson High School faculty will give their annual dinner for the benefit of the school from six until eight on the evening of Thursday, October 10. The dinner will be given in the high school building and tickets will sell for twenty-five and fifty cents.

All the patrons of the school are especially invited and are urged to bring their friends. The public is promised an excellent dinner and invited to attend also.

Many improvements have been made on, in, and about the school building, but many things are still needed and it is for this reason the teachers hope to serve a record crowd.

Hood Urges G-Men Be Assigned Here

Gurney P. Hood, State bank commissioner, telegraphed the Federal Deposit Insurance corporation in Washington Tuesday asking that "G-men" be assigned immediately to aid local and State officers in trying to apprehend persons who broke into the Bank of Ellenboro early Tuesday and the Bank of Ashe at Jefferson a week ago.

Mr. Hood said the 1935 banking law provided for assignment of "G-men" to run down persons who rob banks in the FIDC.

PASSENGER AIRPLANE TO BE IN CITY THIS WEEK

Ed Honroth, owner and chief pilot of a 2-passenger Waco plane, will be in the city Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the purpose of taking the public to ride.

Mr. Honroth is from Northfield, Ohio, and is an expert pilot. He will have with him in the air, R. B. Jennings, who is helping to sponsor the plane while here. Mr. Jennings has 15 flying hours to his credit.

The ball diamond will be used as a landing field and passengers will be taken up on all three days with the exception of the hours during regular religious services on Sunday. There will also be stunt flying each day.

MRS. PLESS IN CHARGE OF WOMAN'S CLUB PROGRAMS

Mrs. Baldwin Pless was elected to have charge of the programs for the first three months of the Woman's Club work that was begun at the first meeting of the club last Friday. The first part of the year will be taken up with a study of music and Mrs. Pless, assisted by Mrs. T. C. Bowls, will be responsible for the series of programs.

A report on the progress of the Ashe County Library was given by Mrs. C. D. Neal, librarian and various plans for work were discussed.

FEDERAL ADVISORY BOARD SAYS BUSINESS BEST SINCE YEAR 1929

Secretary of Labor Reports Decided Pick-up in Employment and Payrolls

"The most optimistic summary of business conditions since the depression began" was presented by the Federal Advisory council, whose members represent the 12 Federal Reserve banks, at the quarterly meeting of the Federal Reserve board.

The reports brought to Washington about better business by the members of the council were enthusiastic, and recounted increasing retail and farm land sales, increase in real estate activity and home building, among other evidences of a mounting general demand for Reserve bank credit.

Secretary Perkins on the same day reported a pick-up in employment and payrolls. She reported 180,000 workers added to the payrolls of manufacturing industries during August, and increased payrolls of \$8,900,000. However, in non-manufacturing industries, she reported an offset of 25,000 employes and \$900,000 in wages.

The Federal Reserve board, in its monthly summary of general business and financial conditions, reported a "more than seasonal increase" in steel output, factory employment and payrolls.

The report also said that wholesale price of farm products and metals showed an advance during the month, but that the output of automobiles and anthracite coal declined sharply.

State Finances on Up-Grade

According to a news release from Raleigh this week our state is also on the up-grade financially. North Carolina had nearly \$20,000,000 in cash August 31, to be statistical, \$19,615,061.01, of which \$5,209,537.86 was in the general fund and there will be more September 30, it seems. The growing surplus, a stranger at

Mrs. Millard Jones Buried at New Hope

Cook-Harless Quartette Sing; Mother of F. B. Jones, Merchant of West Jefferson

Mrs. Millard Jones, of Lansing, died Tuesday after having been seriously ill for several days. She was 74 years old.

Funeral services were held at New Hope Baptist Church Wednesday morning with Reverends W. A. Graybeal, Zekiel Sexton, and W. T. Whittington officiating. The Cook-Harless quartette were present and rendered a number of beautiful songs which were special favorites of the deceased.

Before her marriage to Millard Jones, who preceded her in death by several years, Mrs. Jones was a Miss Stamper. She was a highly respected woman in her community and the mother of a large family of sons and daughters, prominent among them being Mr. F. B. Jones, prominent business man and merchant of this city.

ALMOST PERFECT



Private (First Class) Remes de la Hunt, United States Marine corps, winner of the Coast Guard Trophy match at the National rifle matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, with a score of 99 out of a possible 100, against 1,500 contestants.

this time of the year generally, reflects the improving business, state officials say, and receipts each month seem to lead disbursements easily. The state had \$2,306,692.09 August 1, 1935. The receipts were \$4,312,275.71 and the disbursements were \$1,411,393.95.

These collections wiped out a cash overdraft of \$2,310,497.25 and the thing that helped to do that was the receipt of \$9,875,691.26 for the months July and August. The warrant disbursements for that period were \$2,355,620.16.

LANSING TASTES DEFEAT AT HANDS OF SALTVILLE TEAM

The Lansing Bulldogs were defeated last Friday by the much more experienced Saltville football team 31-0, on the latter's field. The eleven representing Saltville was a powerful scoring machine.

The Lansing team made only two scoring threats during the game, reaching the twenty yard line on two occasions. The game was hard fought from start to finish, but the hard offensive drives of the Saltville team carried them on to victory.

APPLICATIONS FOR DRIVERS' LICENSES ARE POURING IN

Applications for the new North Carolina drivers' licenses are pouring in to the state highway safety division at the revenue department at the rate of 30,000 to 40,000 per day, and George G. Scott, director of accounts, estimated last week approximately 250,000 applications already have been received.

Scott said 1,500,000 of the application blanks have been distributed, and an order has been placed for printing 500,000 more, marking the second order of this size. The initial demand was for 1,000,000.

Two Record Breakers of the Air



Howard Hughes, left, young millionaire film producer and aviation enthusiast, photographed just before he set a new land plane speed record of 253 miles an hour. His ship crashed but he was unhurt. Maj. Alexander P. De Seversky, at right, war time pilot and airplane designer, set a new mark at Detroit for amphibians, making 230.03 miles an hour.

War Between Ethiopia and Italy Seems to Be Almost Certain and Unavoidable

Lansing Coach Fears Experienced Locals

Real Battle Expected on W. Jefferson Gridiron This Friday Afternoon; Contest Worth Seeing

Lansing, Oct. 1.—Coach R. Earl Hood told his Lansing Bulldogs today that they are in for the battle of their lives in their tussle with the heavy, experienced West Jefferson team on Friday.

After learning the score of last Friday's game, in which W. Jefferson defeated the powerful Crossmore team, Coach Hood realizes that it will take all he has to either beat West Jefferson or keep West Jefferson from beating Lansing.

His squad isn't in good shape. He has four men who are on the injured list, due to the terrific pounding they received in the Saltville game last Friday. The four men, around whom his offensive drive is usually built, will be badly needed in Friday's clash. Without marked improvement, none of the four will be able to start the game.

Garnet Clark, "Dynamo" Barlow, and Captain Ramon Moore in the backfield, and "Hardrock" Webster in the line, are hurt. Clark, who is capable of brilliancy any time, has a badly sprained right ankle that kills him when he uses it. So there is little chance of his getting in Friday's game. Barlow is out for the season with a dislocated cartilage in the knee, while Moore is suffering from a broken nose which will not be well by Friday. Webster has some fractured ribs.

So there is plenty excuse for the sad expression which Lansonians see on the countenance of Coach Hood nowadays. He will consider himself very lucky to come out with a tie in Friday's encounter with West Jefferson.

West Jefferson, Oct. 1.—A game which promises to be one of much interest and activity will take place on the West Jefferson field at 3:00 p. m. Friday, October 4th—the two participants being our home team and Lansing. West Jefferson is highly elated over its 6-0 victory over Crossmore—while Lansing has in mind its 32-0 defeat at the hands of Saltville, Va. Both teams are in good shape, and the contest promises to be a lively affair.

TO LET CONTRACTS FOR 2 MORE LINKS OF PARKWAY

Caupus M. Wayne, chairman of the Highway and Public Works commission, said Sunday he was assured by Federal authorities in Washington this week that contracts would be let for construction of two more links of the National parkway by October 15. First dirt was moved in construction of the parkway on September 19 on a 12-mile stretch near Roaring Gap and deeds giving the Federal government rights-of-way for the project have been sent to Washington for other sections.

Bank Robbery at Ellenboro Duplicates One in Jefferson

Insurance Companies Work on Bank of Ashe Robbery but Clues Are Meagre

MARS HILL ROBBERS JAILED

A bank robbery at Ellenboro, N. C., which took place Monday night—one week after the robbery at the Bank of Ashe—was an almost exact duplicate of that crime. The bank had just received a large sum of money that day, the robbers used an acetylene torch to get into the vault, and they forced the back door to gain entry to the building.

Bank officials pointed out that if the robbery had occurred Saturday only a few hundred dollars would have been lost.

Officers believe that J. O. Wright, who sleeps in a room over the bank, frightened the robbers away before they completed their job. A suitcase of tools, the acetylene torch and tank and a heavy piece of canvas were left behind in the bank.

Wright told officers that he was awakened about 3 o'clock by a noise and that he saw an automobile speed away from the bank toward Shelby. He gave the alarm and shortly afterwards the rear door of the bank was found open and the robbery discovered.

A dog which usually slept in front of a store adjoining the bank was found dead Tuesday morning. It had been chloroformed. Officers theorized that the robbers became friendly with the dog Monday night, caught it and chloroformed the animal.

Five men have been arrested and placed in jail in connection with the bank robbery at Mars Hill on Sept. 19, when the bank was held up in the middle of the day and the bandits sped away after seriously wounding Dorothy Sanderlin, a student at Mars Hill, who was on the street at the time of the robbery.

Investigations are being carried on by the insurance company as to the burglary at the Bank of Ashe, but so far, little has been learned and clues are very meagre.

James Pennington Dies at Age of 84

James P. Pennington, prominent citizen of the Bristol community, died at his home there Friday night, Sept. 27, after having been very ill for some time.

Mr. Pennington is survived by his wife, Dora Mullis Pennington, and a number of sons and daughters. He was married in 1877 to Julia Brown, deceased, to which union five children were born: Lettie, who died in infancy; Charles H., of Hiawatha, W. Va.; Lula Pennington Wilcox, of Jefferson; Maggie Pennington Barker, of West Jefferson. In 1898, he was married to Dora Mullis. One child, Lucy Pennington Kelly, of Coalwood, W. Va., survives this marriage.

Mr. Pennington united with the Bristol Baptist Church in 1928 and remained a faithful and devoted member until death.

GOVERNOR SETS OCTOBER 7-11 FOR FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Raleigh, Sept. 23.—Governor Ehringhaus today proclaimed the week of October 7 to 11 as fire prevention week in North Carolina and urged that mayors of cities and towns also set aside the week for proclamation for the purpose of correcting fire hazards, promoting public and private fire protection and "arouse the people generally to the need for habits of greater care."

ASHE HAS FORTY STUDENTS ENROLLED AT A. S. T. COLLEGE

Ashe county again leads all other counties in the state, excepting Watauga, in having the greatest number of students enrolled at A. S. T. C., at Boone.

Out of the 858 students enrolled, Ashe has supplied forty. Watauga has 121. Twelve states outside of North Carolina are represented in the student body.

Chicago defeated Detroit, 3-0, Wednesday afternoon in the first game of the World Series which was opened in Detroit.