

BIDS FOR 4TH SECTION OF PARKWAY WILL BE OPENED ON DEC. 5TH

Deeds For Two Sections Of Road In This State Received In Washington

Capus M. Waynick, chairman of the state highway and public works commission, has announced that bids would be opened in Roanoke, Va., on December 5 for construction of the fourth section of the national parkway and at the same time expressed the opinion time will be extended for getting the project under contract.

Actual construction is underway of one sector of the parkway, to connect the great Smoky mountains and Shenandoah national parks, and bids have been received on two sectors but award of contract has been held up pending acceptance of deeds to rights-of-way which the state sent to Washington several days ago.

Waynick expressed the view Secretary of the Interior Ickes would grant an extension of time for the parkway even though the secretary was quoted from Washington this week as saying the December 15 deadline for PWA jobs would apply to the project.

Plans were expected to be completed by November 26 for the fifth sector of the roadway and that bids will probably be asked on it "late in December or early in January."

About 238 miles of the scenic highway would be located in this state when the project is completed, and the four sectors for which plans are complete are about 40 miles in length.

Deeds for two sections of the Southern Appalachian Parkway in North Carolina, just south of the 12-mile stretch already under construction adjacent to the Virginia state line, have been received by the National Park Service in Washington and "appear to be o. k.," according to park service officials.

Bids already have been received on these two sections, involving expenditures of \$387,169 and \$364,040, respectively, and award of the contracts has awaited only receiving of the deeds.

The deeds will be reviewed by Arno B. Cammerer, director of the service, the solicitor of the Interior Department, and finally by Secretary Ickes' office, but it is believed this review will be a matter of routine, since the deeds seem to be in acceptable shape.

MR. E. A. McNEILL ON STATE COMMITTEE

STATESVILLE, Nov. 20.—Appointment of Mr. E. A. McNeill of West Jefferson as a member of the the State advisory committee of North Carolina Fair Tax Association to represent Ashe county was announced here today by State Secretary Paul Leonard following a conference with D. E. Turner of Mooresville, State president. Mr. McNeill is a leading merchant and business man of West Jefferson, and Mr. Leonard stated that he considered him "a most valuable addition to our official family". He was made chairman of the recently organized Ashe county unit of the Fair Tax Association.

Other committeemen announced today included Preston Woodall of Benson, a member of the General Assembly; Rob. L. Burns, prominent citizen of Sanford; C. I. Burkhead, well known business man of Candor; Hayslett Roundtree of Sunbury, a leader among the younger merchants of Gates county.

"As our membership grows, and we add men of this caliber to our executive board", said Mr. Leonard, "our chances for early realization of our ambition to be instrumental in giving North Carolina its much-needed economy-minded anti-sales tax administration become much brighter."

Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson, of Columbia, S. C., will preach a Thanksgiving sermon in the following Presbyterian Churches: Lansing 9:00 a. m., Jefferson 11:00 a. m., Gillespie 2:30 p. m., Foster Memorial 7:00 p. m. Mr. J. O. Blevins will have charge of the Thanksgiving service at Obids at 11:00 a. m.

Thanksgiving



ENTER into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: and be thankful unto Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm 100, 4-6.

PATRONS OF LITTLE HELTON SCHOOL VALUE HELP OF SCHOOL BOARD

Pie Supper And Boxing Match To Be Given Saturday Night To Help Complete Building

Patrons of the Little Helton school are loud in their praise of County Superintendent Miller and the school board for the help given recently on renovating their school building.

According to report, the school building has had no substantial aid in the last sixteen years, or since J. Lester Segraves, present cashier of the First National Bank, taught there. Not only windows, but window sashes were out and the entire building was in a bad state of repair. Much has been done toward adding to the appearance and comfort of the house, but there is still more to do.

To raise funds to complete the work that has been so successfully started, the community will sponsor a pie supper and boxing match on Saturday night, Nov. 30. The boxing card has not been made up, but every effort is being made to have a good one and the public is assured of an evening of entertainment.

COLVARD BUYS OUT MILLER AND TAKES OVER LUNCH ROOM

R. W. Colvard, district manager of the Shell Oil Company, has bought out C. E. Miller's Service Station and has taken over the lunch room connected with the station. Mr. Colvard was the first owner of the station, selling it to Mr. Miller.

It is understood that many improvements will be made in the lunch room and that a dining room will be installed. Mrs. Colvard has taken over the management of the lunch room for the present.

NEGRO MOUNTAIN ROAD WORK PROGRESSES

Work is progressing nicely on the Negro Mountain road and cars can be driven about three-quarters of a mile up the road which is far enough to see the progress that is being made.

The project has been made out to cover a year's period of work and it is thought that this is sufficient time to finish it.

Seventh Grade Honor Roll

Mrs. Ray reports the following students as members of the honor roll of the West Jefferson seventh grade for this month:

Friel Jones, Doris Williams, Jas. Dell Taylor, Tommy Oliver, Grace Wyrick, Ralph Campbell, Edwin Weaver, Hazel Enopier, Irene Huddler, Ruth Blevins, James Cook, T. B. Grayson, Jr., June Smith, Alda Gambill.

LATE NEWS BULLETINS

Mountain Girl Convicted Of First Degree Murder

Edith Maxwell has been convicted of first degree murder of her father, Trigg Maxwell, by a Cumberland county (Va.) jury which fixed her punishment at 25 years in the state penitentiary. The jury was out only 30 minutes.

Miss Maxwell, a 21-year-old school teacher, looked incredulously at her brother, Earl, and then burst into tears. Her sobs could be heard all over the courtroom.

Hauptmann Says Condon Has Key To Kidnaping

Bruno Hauptmann, convicted to die for the kidnaping of Charles Lindbergh, Jr., has sent a plea to Dr. Condon, the Bronx welfare worker who identified Hauptmann as the man who received the ransom money, asking that he, Condon, make a full statement about the case. Hauptmann says that Condon has the key to the kidnaping and to his cell.

His statement came following allegations of the discovery of new Lindbergh ransom bills and of new kidnap evidence.

But from every official source, including Hauptmann's attorneys, came prompt disclaimers of knowledge of the purported discoveries.

Governors Aid In Road Accident Prevention

Governors all over the United States are joining in the nationwide campaign started in Chicago this week to reduce automobile deaths on the highways.

The national safety council is sponsoring a five-year campaign that will begin on January 1.

League Members Proceed With Sanctions

England, France, and other members of the League of Nations are going ahead with their plan to not sell any products to Italy that would cause her to be able to continue warring against Ethiopia.

Italy is planning to "live-at-home", and Mussolini has made strict rules for Italians to follow in order to conserve their supplies.

Mrs. R. H. Stone took Mrs. Sam Rose, of Bina, to the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte on Monday.

Judge T. C. Bowie and son, Thomas, have been hunting during the past week in the eastern part of the state.

COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL PROJECT BEGINS THIS WEEK ON TUESDAY

Project To Help Schools Approved For \$9,073.50; Wade Roland Named Foreman

A county-wide school project for \$9,072.50 has been approved for Ashe county and work was scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Nov. 26, of this week.

The project, which is under the supervision of County Superintendent Miller will be spent on any and all schools in the county where help is absolutely necessary and a part of the allotment will go toward completing work that has already been started.

Forty unskilled laborers will be hired, three intermediates, eight skilled, and a foreman. Wade Roland has been named foreman of the project.

Prof. Miller is very much pleased at the approval of the project although he asked for a much larger sum of money than was finally granted. He has made several trips to Winston-Salem to the head of the district office there in behalf of this work that will benefit so many of the schools in the county system.

OYSTER SUPPER TO BE GIVEN BY GRASSY CREEK LADIES DEC. 7

An oyster supper will be given by the ladies of the Missionary Society of the Grassy Creek Methodist Church on Saturday, Dec. 7, in the Home Economics building at six o'clock.

The public is invited to attend and bring their friends. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the church.

Colored Boys In This Section Wanted For Navy Enlistment

The following letter has been received from the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, Washington, D. C.

The prospects for advancement of clean, well behaved, ambitious, and proficient colored boys, are very good at the present time and probably will continue as Filipinos have not been accepted for first enlistment as mess attendants since December, 1930 and those now in the messman branch are rapidly being transferred to the fleet Reserve.

All colored boys living in Ashe, Alexander, Alleghany, Catawba, Davidson, Davis, Iredell, Rowan, Surry, Wilkes, and Yadkin counties and are interested in the Navy as a career should make their application at the U. S. Navy Recruiting Sub-Station, Salisbury, N. C., located in the post office building.

Office hours are from 9:00 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. (except Saturday 9:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.)

STATE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE SAYS N.C. LAND TAX IS LOWEST

DALE PATTON BURIED AT LANSING FRIDAY, NOV. 22

Popular Member Of High School Football Team Injured In Game And Developed Pneumonia

Dale J. Patton, nineteen-year-old Lansing youth, died Thursday, Nov. 21, after a short illness from which he suffered with pneumonia reported to have been brought on by an injury during a recent game with Spruce Pine.

Funeral services were held at the Lansing Presbyterian Church on Friday. Those officiating included Revs. Hobson Houck, A. C. Gibbs, W. Graybeal, and R. H. Stone. Interment followed at Graybeal's Chapel. Young Patton was a member of the Lansing Methodist Church.

He was a popular member of a well-known family, as was shown by the enormous crowds of friends, relatives, and school mates who were present Friday to pay a last tribute to their fallen comrade. An obituary is carried on page three of this issue.

MRS. CAROLINE BILLINGS DIES AT PINEY CREEK

SPARTA, Nov. 26.—Mrs. Caroline Billings, aged 77 years, died at her home near Piney Creek on November 23, after several days' illness. Before her marriage to Wm. H. Billings in 1878 she was Caroline Osborne. To this union were born nine children. Three of them preceded her to the grave. About nine months ago her husband passed on to the great beyond. She professed a hope in Christ and joined the Methodist Church, South, about 37 year ago and lived in that faith until the end. She was a good kind mother, companion, neighbor, and member of the church. She leaves a place in the home and community that cannot be filled.

She is survived by six children, Mrs. Mary Anderson, Mrs. Lula Jones, Mrs. Cleo McMillian, Bard and Bosco Billings, of Piney Creek, and Nannie Collins, of Cidy, Wyoming; 20 grand children, and one great grand child, other relatives, and a host of friends and neighbors who mourn her passing.

The funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. A. B. Bruton, her pastor, assisted by Rev. John Hoppers and Rev. Lee Hampton. The beautiful floral tribute by her children, neighbors, and friends showed to some extent the high esteem held for her.

Interment was in the family cemetery beside her husband in the presence of a large crowd. Wilma and Hobert Crouse sang some of her favorite old hymns during the service.

VIRGINIA-CAROLINA VICTORIOUS IN GRASSY CREEK CO. TOURNAMENT

The Grayson county basket ball tournament was held at Fries, Va., Nov. 22nd and 23rd. The Virginia-Carolina boys, coached by Mr. V. W. Moody, came back to Grassy Creek Saturday night in high spirits after winning the Grayson county championship. They fought the final fight with Fries boys and won by a score of 28 to 16. The final line-up for the V.-C. boys was:

R. F.—Walker, R. G.—Peake, Center—Sexton, L. F.—Candler, L. G.—Kiser and Barker.

Virginia-Carolina girls, coached by Mr. W. R. Francis, won second place, losing the final game to the Fries girls who have taken the last two tournaments. The V.-C. girls' final line-up was:

R. F.—Nye and Hash, L. F.—Dickson and Blevins, Center F.—Blackburn and Cox, Center G.—Sexton and Colvard, R. G.—Vannoy, L. G.—Parsons and Peake.

From the Virginia-Carolina girls team, Nye and Sexton were chosen for the all-star team.

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Incentive To Industry To Settle Here; Nevada Listed With Highest Property Tax

North Carolina, although its franchise and income taxes are higher than those of most States of the nation, counters with the lowest property tax of any of the 48 states and equalizes the advantages for new business and industry to locate within its borders, A. J. Maxwell, State commissioner of revenue, announced this week.

North Carolina's per capita property tax load stands at only \$10.68, placing this State lower than any other and in sharp contrast to the \$67.15 per capita in Nevada, the highest figure, Maxwell said.

The average per capita tax for all the States is \$40.38. Thus the average paid in this respect by North Carolinians is barely more than one-fourth of the nation's medium, Maxwell stated.

Only four States—South Carolina, Michigan, Alabama, and Louisiana—rank higher than North Carolina in the corporation franchise tax classification.

Broader Base Is Used

"The North Carolina franchise rate," Maxwell said, "is not only near the top, but the base to which the rate is applied is wider than that used in most States. The most common basis used is 'capital stock issued and outstanding.' The North Carolina basis is the total of 'capital, surplus, and undivided profits.'"

"A complete check of all corporation returns for North Carolina shows it would require a rate of \$2.70 a thousand, applied to capital stock alone, to raise the same amount of revenue as the present rate of \$1.75 a thousand applied to capital, surplus and undivided profits."

In the corporation income tax brackets, Maxwell's figures showed North Carolina ranking second only to Oregon on income of \$10,000, and only three States—Oregon, Wisconsin, and Idaho—with higher rates on corporation income of \$1,000,000. Maxwell said Oregon's corporation income tax rate of eight per cent is subject to a credit of the amount of property tax paid on all personal property up to 75 per cent of the corporation income tax, and this undoubtedly places the net Oregon rate below North Carolina's.

Below Oregon Rate

The North Carolina tax on each \$10,000 of taxable income is \$600 against Oregon's \$800. However, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and New York have the same rate as North Carolina.

"Our tax levies are adequate to meet our obligations. Appropriations are paid from current revenue without even short-term borrowing in anticipation of tax collections, with no deficit to be made up by higher tax levies in the future. Our debt obligations are being substantially reduced each year from current revenue and, to the extent of this reduction, we are reducing the amount of debt service obligations in our budget for future years."

Maxwell said tax advantages to encourage incorporation of North Carolina enterprises in other States, if they ever existed, have been completely removed.

He cited the removal by the 1935 General Assembly of the corporate excess property tax on domestic corporations as "completely removing any disadvantage that might have previously existed against a corporation using the incorporation laws of this State."

EXPECT ARRESTS IN BELKS STORE ROBBERY AT SPARTA

Belk's Department Store was entered through the back Saturday night by thieves. The safe and a quantity of clothing were carried out. The safe was not opened.

For some reason the culprits left a car after they had loaded it with clothing and other articles. The car has been identified and arrests are expected to be made in the near future.