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WORK RESUMED ON WAYAH ROAD

82 Men Put Back at Work On Nantahala Forest Project

Work on the Wayah road from Kiser's store to Nantahala station has been resumed, furnishing employment to 82 men.

Widening and surfacing of the road was begun at Kiser's store last fall and was completed to a point about two miles west of Nantahala Gap when work was held up in May due to exhaustion of PWA funds set aside for the purpose. Since then additional funds have been made available.

Stone Being Laid

A rock crusher formerly set up on the east side of Nantahala Gap has been moved over the mountain to a new quarry site near CCC camp N. C. 10 near Aquone. The crusher was put in operation last Thursday and stone is now being spread.

Considerable work already has been done on the far end of the road, especially on the "winding stairs" descending into Nantahala Gorge. The project calls for an all-weather road from Kiser's store over Nantahala Gap, through the Aquone section to Nantahala Station. Much of this road hitherto has been impassable in bad weather.

Bald Link Nearly Finished

Work is nearing completion on the forest service road from Nantahala Gap to the top of Wavah Bald. The road is being widened and regraded by the Civilian Conservation Corps. One notable change is a relocation of the road near the top of the ridge so as to give a sweeping view of the valley. Several steep grades and hairpin turns on the old road have been eliminated.

Square Dance

Iotla Young Democrats To Sponsor Event

The Young Democratic club of Iotla is to give an old fashioned square dance Saturday night, July 28, at the Iotla school, according to an announcement by Vance Fouts, who was elected chairman of the club at its last meeting.

Mr. Fouts issued an open invitation to all Young Democrats to come and promised that there would be good music and a good time.

The club will hold a short session in the Iotla schoolhouse beginning at 8 o'clock and immediately thereafter the dance will be held on the first floor of the old dormitory.

CHURCH

Announcements

PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Pastor
Franklin (Each Sunday)
10 a. m.—Sunday school. J. E. Lancaster, superintendent.
11 a. m.—Preaching services
Morrison (2nd & 4th Sundays)
2:30 p. m.—Sunday school. Bryant McClure, superintendent.
3:30 p. m.—Preaching services.
Slagle Memorial (1st & 2nd Sundays)
10 a. m.—Preaching services.
11 a. m.—Sunday school. Rev. S. R. Crockett, superintendent

EPISCOPAL

Rev. Frank Bloxham, Rector
St. Agnes, Franklin
(Sunday, July 29)
8 p. m.—Evening prayer and sermon by the rector.
Incarnation, Highlands
(Sunday, July 29)
10 a. m.—Church school and Bible class.
11 a. m.—Morning prayer and sermon by the rector.

Young Democrats To Visit Macon Sunday Afternoon On Tour of Mountain Area

Two hundred or more Young Democrats from all sections of the state are expected to visit Macon county Sunday on a motorcade tour of the Great Smoky Mountains national park and other sections of Western North Carolina. Plans are being made by the Young Democratic organization of this county to entertain the visitors at a picnic dinner at the Vanhook camp site in the Nantahala national forest between Franklin and Highlands.

The motorcade tour will be the final event on the program of the annual state convention of the Young Democrats which is scheduled to open in Asheville Friday. About a dozen representatives of the Macon county organization are expected to attend.

Attendance at the convention is expected to exceed 400 and about half of that number will probably be from the mountain area.

John W. Edwards, president of the Macon county Young Demo-

crats, is in charge of arrangements for entertainment of the visitors. He said the motorcade would come to Franklin by way of Hendersonville, Brevard and Highlands, arriving at the Vanhook camp about 1 o'clock. After dinner the motorcade will continue on to the Great Smokies by way of Dillsboro.

An unusually interesting program has been arranged for the Asheville convention. The proposed new state constitution, taxation, education and public utilities will be discussed by various prominent speakers, among them Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, Senators J. W. Bailey and R. R. Reynolds, Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, Judge Sam M. Cathey of Asheville and Fred L. Seely, of Asheville, a member of the public utilities commission.

Business sessions of the organization, at which new officers are to be elected, will be held on Saturday.

Bible School

50 Enrolled in Classes at Morrison Church

A daily vacation Bible school opened for a two weeks term at the Morrison Presbyterian church on the Georgia road Monday morning under the direction of Freeman B. Parker, of the Columbia seminary, Decatur, Ga., who is a special summer worker of the Asheville Presbytery.

Classes in memory work, Bible study, catechism, singing and dramatization are being held each morning from 9 to 11:30 o'clock. The school is divided into four groups of pupils as follows: Primary, Miss Rosalind Bulgin, leader; junior, Miss Margaret McGuire, leader; intermediate, Mrs. J. A. Flanagan, leader; young people, the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, leader.

More than 50 pupils have enrolled for the school with the prospect for a larger enrollment before the school closes Friday, August 3.

DEATH CLAIMS

MOODY BOLICK

Well Known Higdonville Farmer Dies at Home Of His Birth

Funeral services for Moody Bolick, 76, prominent farmer of the Higdonville section who died at his home early Monday morning, were held at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Holly Springs Baptist church. The Rev. J. M. Benson, supply pastor at the Franklin Baptist church in the absence of the Rev. E. R. Eller, conducted the rites.

Mr. Bolick, active in church work and community affairs, was well known throughout the county. He spent his entire life in the Higdonville section and died on the same farm upon which he was born. Surviving Mr. Bolick are his widow, a son, C. B. Bolick, of Washington, D. C., and a niece, Miss Myrtle Bolick.

Pallbearers at the funeral were J. J. Corbin, Grimshaw Corbin, Fred Corbin, Bill Higdon, William Crawford and Elias Ammons.

Gulf Coast Singers To Be Heard Saturday

The Gulf Coast Singers of Chicago will sing spirituals and jubilee choruses at the colored school house just west of town on highway No. 28 at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night, July 28. The public is invited to attend. Proceeds of the concert will go to the Baptist and Episcopal churches for the colored.

CROWDS FLOCK TO MOUNTAINS

Heat Wave Fills Franklin And Highlands Hotels

Franklin and Highlands resort hotels and guest houses have been doing a landoffice business during the heat wave which has kept folks sweltering in the low country for the past ten days.

It has been hot here in the mountains, too, temperatures occasionally rising above 90 degrees Fahrenheit in the daytime; but that's cool compared with most other sections, and in the evenings the mercury always drops down into the eighties.

Wednesday's papers reported that more than 700 persons had died as a result of the heat wave. Most of the fatalities were in the middle west, where temperatures as high as 117 degrees (in the shade) were reported. On one of the warmest days here during the past week a thermometer inside a house read only 88 degrees at 1 p. m.

The heat wave has filled the Highlands hotels to overflowing. One inn reported turning away 25 visitors Monday night.

Among the guests at Highlands have been a number of distinguished persons, including former Governor O. Max Gardner and Mrs. Gardner; Dorothy Dix, the columnist, who in private life is Mrs. E. M. Gilmer of New Orleans, and party; Bobby Jones, the famous golfer, who has been spending the summer with his wife and family at their attractive cottage on Little Yellow Mountain; Jess Sweetser, another noted golfer; the artist, A. W. Shaw, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; Rear Admiral A. N. McCully, of the U. S. Navy; and a number of prominent educators and scientists.

Highlands Folks Attend Reunion at Smokemont

Mrs. T. C. Everett and her daughter Osceola Everett, attended a family reunion at Smokemont, N. C., July 15. A delicious picnic dinner was enjoyed. Several in the party motored to Newfound Gap during the afternoon, and swimming was participated in by the younger members of the family.

Among those attending the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Connor and daughters, Helen and Ona of Sedro Wooley, Washington. It is interesting to note that Mr. Connor, Mrs. Everett's brother, had not been home for thirty years until this meeting.

Bids Are Opened On Site for New Federal Building

STREET WORK STARTS FRIDAY

Part of Main and Porter Streets Are To Be Resurfaced

Work is expected to start tomorrow on widening and surfacing of state Highway No. 285 in Franklin from Kelly's Tea Room on west Main street to the Esso Service Station at the corner of Wayah and Porter streets. Local labor is to be used.

The old roadway is to be torn up and new surfacing, 18 feet wide, is to be laid. Contract for the job has been let by the state highway commission to Kiker and Younce, Reidsville contractors, who also have been awarded a contract for laying the final oil treatment on the link in highway No. 28 from Roan's store to Rainbow Springs. Preliminary work already has been started on this project.

Surfacing on the town project, a distance of about half a mile, is to be of the bituminous type. Stone is to be laid as soon as the road has been scarified, but it probably will be a month or more before the binder is applied.

FARMER DIES OF APOPLEXY

J. Caswell Higdon Stricken While Walking Near His Home

Funeral services for J. Caswell Higdon, 48-year-old farmer of the Higdonville section who died of a stroke of apoplexy near his home last Thursday morning, were held Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the Sugar Fork Baptist church.

The Rev. B. W. Lefler, pastor of the Franklin Methodist circuit, officiated. Mill Shoal council, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, had charge of the service at the grave. Pallbearers were Wade Berry, Harley Stewart, Dude Berry, Fred Corbin and John Corbin.

Mr. Higdon had been visiting his aunt, Mrs. Harriet Higdon, two miles north of his home, and was returning when he suffered the stroke. He was about 300 yards from his home at the time. The body was discovered by a neighbor, Alfred Team.

Mr. Higdon lived with a brother, William, besides whom he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. W. H. Berry, Mrs. J. J. Corbin, Mrs. Charles Potts and Mrs. Lee Dills.

Local Cast To Present Hilarious Comedy

"Here Comes Charlie," an hilarious comedy, will be present at the courthouse at 8:15 o'clock Tuesday night, July 31, by a local cast. The play is being sponsored by the Franklin Presbyterian church.

Included in the cast are Earl Meacham, Rosalee Morrow, W. A. McNeil, Elizabeth Dowdle, Elizabeth McGuire, Margaret McGuire, Mary B. Eaton, Bill Purdum, James Porter and John E. Lancaster.

Highlands Visitor Observes 94th Birthday

Mrs. Martha W. Crosby, oldest summer resident of Highlands, celebrated her 94th birthday anniversary Friday. She has been going to Highlands with her family for 40 years.

Prices Varying from \$1,- 000 To \$10,000 Asked In Proposals

Prices ranging from \$1,500 to \$10,000 were asked for a site for the proposed federal building for Franklin in 13 bids submitted by eight property owners or their agents which were opened Monday morning at the postoffice.

A representative of the postoffice department is expected to come here soon to examine the sites offered. No announcement has been made when a selection will be made and when work on the building will get under way; but it is thought the government will avoid delay as much as possible.

The government generally limits the amount it pays for federal building sites to 10 per cent of the appropriation made for both building and site. Seventy-one thousand dollars has been allocated for the purchase of a lot and erection of a federal building here. Besides supplying quarters for the Franklin postoffice, the building also is to house the headquarters offices of the Nantahala National forest.

List of Bids

Following is a summary of the bids for the federal building site:

Mrs. L. J. Houk, agent, offered the T. J. Johnston homeplace on the north side of west Main street for \$6,000. The lot has a frontage of 82 feet and a depth of 181 feet.

Mrs. Sam L. Rogers submitted four proposals, asking \$10,000 for what is known as the Addington lot, with a frontage of 130 feet on the north side of west Main street and running back 400 feet to Church street, where there is a frontage of 160 feet. For the front half of this property she asked \$7,000. For a smaller section of the same property, 130 foot frontage on Main street and a depth of 145 feet, she asked \$5,000. Another proposal on the same property offered a site with a frontage on Main street of 85 feet and a depth of 145 feet for \$4,000.

Miss Tim Crawford offered the lot at the northwest corner of Main street and Harrison avenue, having a frontage on Main street of 150 feet and on Harrison avenue of 212½ feet, for \$6,000. She made an alternative bid of \$1,500 for a segment of the same lot with frontage on Main street of 85 feet and on Harrison avenue of 145 feet.

J. S. Robinson offered a corner lot with a frontage of 90 feet on Iotla street and 150 feet on Church street for \$3,500.

M. L. Dowdle, W. L. Higdon, E. B. Sutton and J. E. Perry, executors of the estate of A. W. Horn, offered the old Junaluska Inn site on the south side of West Main street, for \$10,000. The lot has a frontage on Main street of 108 feet and runs back to Palmer street with even width. For the front part of this lot, full frontage but a depth of 145 feet, a price of \$7,100 was asked.

The Town of Franklin offered the Alex Moore homeplace on east Main street for \$7,000. It has a frontage of 103 feet on Main street and runs back 300 feet to Palmer street with even width.

Lon Campbell and Mrs. W. C. Wilkes offered the lot on the northwest corner of Church and Iotla streets for \$2,500. The lot measures 113 feet on Church street and 165 feet on Iotla street.

R. S. Jones, trustee, submitted a bid of \$3,500 for the lot at the northeast corner of Main street and Harrison avenue. This lot measures 82½ feet across the front and has a depth of 155 feet.