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WORK ON 8-MILE TUNNEL TO START JAN. 15

State Is Elated Over Success Of Smoky Mountain Park

DEED TO 150,000 ACRES IS READY

Will Be Delivered To Government About January 11

FETES ARE PLANNED

Initial Gift To Be Enlarged To 428,000 Acres Soon

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 9.—The western section of North Carolina has greeted with enthusiasm the announcement that the first area of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park will be deeded to the United States government within the next week. Marking the culmination of years of effort on the part of earnest leaders in the project, the Park will become a reality when the initial 150,000 acres of wild mountain land are placed in the keeping of the Federal government. Deeds to this part of the Great Smoky region will be ready for delivery on or about January 11, according to officials of the North Carolina National Park Commission.

The acceptance by the United States of the first area will mark the beginning of the actual existence of the Great Smoky mountains as a national park under government ownership and administration. It will also be the completion of nearly a decade of labor toward the completion of the park project, in which the people of Tennessee and North Carolina have jointly taken part.

In celebration of the presentation of the initial area to the United States, a number of cities and towns near the park borders in Western North Carolina are planning fetes and jubiliations. One million dollars in private subscriptions toward the purchase of the land, was contributed by the residents of Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee and interest in the completion of the park as a national reservation is very keen in this section.

The initial gift of 150,000 acres will be enlarged to include 428,000 acres as rapidly as the land can be purchased. The ultimate area of the park as planned will include 700,000 acres of virgin timber, high mountains and some of the most picturesque and impressive scenery to be found any where in North America. When purchased the park area will represent the investment of \$10,000,000 of which \$1,000,000 has been contributed from private sources, \$4,000,000 by the State of North Carolina and Tennessee and \$5,000,000 by the Rockefeller Foundation.

WALDROOP AND LEDFORD TRIED

Bonds Are Fixed At \$500 Each After Preliminary Trial

At a preliminary hearing before Magistrate George Mallonee on Monday afternoon, Charles Waldroop and Clyde Ledford, charged with assaulting Bryan Setser, deputy sheriff, were bound over to the next term of superior court on bonds of \$500 each. After preliminary evidence, lawyers for Waldroop and Ledford waived further inquiry into the case, and bonds for the defendants were fixed. Setser charges that he was assaulted by Waldroop and Ledford on Christmas eve while he was returning.

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ONE MAN, AUTO, AND 48 GALLONS WHISKEY TAKEN

Forty-eight gallons of moonshine whiskey, a man, and an automobile are what Deputy Sheriff Fred Cabe has to show for last Thursday morning's work.

The man arrested, H. S. Rush, who states he is from Asheville, was taken at a point six miles south of Franklin on the Georgia highway near the Morrison school. He was jailed here, but states that he expects to make bond shortly.

The automobile in which Rush was driving, is the same that was captured by officers several weeks ago near Canton when it was being used by other whiskey runners, according to Sheriff C. L. Ingram. It was resold. A Georgia license was on the car.

CONTRACT TO BE LET ON HIGHWAY

No. 28 To Be Hardsurfaced Eight Miles Toward Highlands

A corps of engineers arrived in Franklin on Monday to survey the seven or eight miles of highway No. 28 between here and the foot of the mountain in the direction of Highlands, preparatory to letting the contract for surfacing this stretch.

It is understood that small sections of the highway may be relocated before concrete is poured. The engineers here this week will complete the survey by Saturday, it is reported.

The contract for surfacing this stretch is to be let February 7, according to information received here this week. Surfacing will probably be completed this summer. The additional portion of No. 28 between Franklin and Highlands is to have a gravel surface.

S. C. Austin heads the engineers who arrived this week. The other members of the party are E. B. Gibbs, C. R. Fuller, F. F. Menell, W. S. McNeal, B. E. Reeves, and R. B. Allen.

LOCAL FEED MILL IS TURNING OUT BALANCED RATION FOR

Laying Mash Is Also Produced By Mixing Process Here

"We bought 20 bushels of oats this morning,"

Bert Slagle was speaking. "In the last two months we have bought about 1200 bushels of corn from Macon county farmers."

Slagle was still speaking.

A year ago, Bert Slagle started a small grist mill and feed mill in the rear of the Nantahala creamery, of which he is manager. He began the project largely for experimental purposes. Last month a new building was completed in which more adequate machinery is housed. The new feed mill, which Mr. Slagle operates with the help of his brother, Charles, has a feed capacity of 300 bushels, or 10 tons daily.

A small gasoline engine was used to pull the old machinery, but in the new building, electric motors have been installed to pull both the grist mill and the feed mill. After studying local conditions while operating

SOUTHERN MAY BUILD NEW LINE

Railroad Co. Considers New Route From Tenn. Into N. C.

ROADBED EXAMINED

People of Franklin, Rabun Gap and Walhalla Interested

The outlook for an extension of the Southern railway from Maryville, Tenn., to North Carolina and the coast seems to be better than for some time, according to a news article in the Maryville Enterprise. A change in the route in that part of Tennessee south of Maryville is being considered, states the article. The re-routing of this part of the line, however, would not affect the route to be taken through this state. Below is the article from the Maryville paper:

"It has been found that the cost of construction of a road from the neighborhood of Chilhowee into North Carolina will be very great. In looking around for a less expensive plan the Southern considered the roadbed of the Babcock Land and Lumber company, which crosses the river below Chilhowee and goes into Jeffries. There would be changes in the route and some of the grades would need to be reduced, but the Babcock roadbed seemed to meet the Southern's approval, in part at least. "There is no authentic information available as to whether the companies have reached an agreement, but it is known that the Southern is seriously considering the move.

"The people of Franklin, N. C., Rabun Gap, Ga., and Walhalla, S. C., are deeply interested in the developments, where the Southern is concerned because they all want to be on the extension, which will make them all "through line" towns as it will make of Maryville.

"Blount county will receive more benefit from the extension if it is built through, on this side of the

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BUT WHO COULD GET BY WITH 13 GALLONS OF IT?

Some men are not superstitious enough to bother about unlucky signs, unlucky numbers, or omens that foretell impending distasters. Some men are not, but now and then they get jerked off their feet, and learn to respect these signs and numbers.

Lex Cunningham, of Rabun county, Georgia, started for Sylva, N. C., last Sunday morning with 13 gallons of choice North Georgia moonshine liquor. He passed safely along his way through Franklin where the officers have a reputation for taking unto themselves men, autos, and whiskey found together.

But five miles beyond this town, Cunningham was stopped by Deputy Fred Cabe, brought back to Franklin and lodged in the county jail. He is the son of Kirk Cunningham, the prisoner states.

ONE MAN KILLED IN CAR ACCIDENT

Judson Rogers is Victim of Wreck; George Burrell Injured

At the dam site, the coffer dam is almost finished. The railway trestle crossing the river near Nantahala station will be completed in a few days, and track laying on the new road will begin soon.

Work on the transmission line from Andrews to the new dam site is going forward rapidly, as is also work on the incline to the mouth of the tunnel. Both are scheduled to be finished by January 15. Then work on the eight-mile tunnel which will connect the dam with the power house near the village will be begun and pushed night and day until completed.

Contracts have been let to two different construction companies for the building of the dam and of the railroad. According to officials laborers will be added as needed. At the end of the coming summer probably, a total of 2000 men will be employed in the various activities having to do with the project.

The railroad is slated to be finished in two months, according to statements from Beechers. This will mean that a large force of workmen with modern machinery will be employed in the very near future if the railroad is to be completed in so short a time.

The railroad will be worked from both ends of the line in order to make more rapid progress. With the completion of the line material can then be laid down at the site of the dam for construction purposes.

GRANGE HOLDS COUNTY MEET

Clay County Asks Macon Officials To Help Form Branch

About 25 farmers attended the county-wide meeting of the Macon division of the National Grange held in the Woodmen of the World hall here last Saturday afternoon. All present, after seeing more into the workings of the Grange, expressed themselves as agreeably surprised and pleased with the prospects of the organization's usefulness to the immediate community.

Miss Elizabeth Kelly, deputy national master, instructed members in the secret works of the order after she

TO LABOR NIGHT AND DAY ON JOB

Two Thousand Men May Be Used Before End of Summer

RAILROAD IS PUSHED

Line Expected To Be Completed Within Two Months

The Nantahala Light and Power company, subsidiary of the Aluminum Company of America, has begun work near Beechers in this county which bids fair to continue for several years, according to news reaching Franklin from Beechers.

Two large compressed air drills are being put in operation on the railroad. Two steam shovels are also pushing the grade through the cliffs of the Nantahala gorge toward Aquone.

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