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Chairman Jeffers, of the state highway commission, has announced that men and mules will be used in carrying out the road construction program...

TAXES ON THE INSTALLMENT PLAN

The suggestion was made recently that taxes be paid on the installment plan. The person making the suggestion pointed out that it would be much easier for the taxpayer to pay a few dollars taxes along with their light and water bill every month...

A STUDENT AT THE AGE OF 85

R. A. Sentelle, 85, and one of the county's best known citizens has always stood for better educational facilities in this county, having served as director of the school system for over 30 years. Mr. Sentelle is now, even at the age of 85, setting an example for the coming generation regarding education.

COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER AN ASSET

One of the hardest things to do these days is to convince a man that he is getting more for his money than he is paying for, especially if he has to pay for anything in the form of taxes. To this statement we might add that Haywood County is indeed fortunate to be able to say that we have a full time health officer employed in the county.

HIGHWAY NO 284

Interest has been aroused here again as to the possibilities of getting Highway No. 284, the route over which thousands of tourists from South Carolina and Georgia come to Waynesville via Brevard and Pisgah National Forest...

Officials of the local Chamber of Commerce and Brevard have been working untiringly on the project. Although they have no definite assurance to date as to the actual paving of the road, they have been somewhat encouraged over the appropriation, and it seems that the task at hand now is to persuade the Highway Commission that No. 284 is worthy of sharing in the Federal funds.

We understand that Congress passed the relief bill only because they felt that such an expenditure of money would help relieve the unemployment situation, and at the same time complete proposed public projects that have been temporarily suspended because of the economic situation...

Of course, the paving of No. 284 at this time would employ many Haywood men, but the outside money it would bring into the county from tourists that would travel that highway that are now going other routes would amount to far more than the men would get for their labor on the highway...

Right now is the time to go after this highway if we really want it. The state has the money to build it for us if we want it bad enough to go after it and persuade them that we are worthy of the road.

The Brevard News expresses the following opinion on the matter:

Officers of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce and members of the Board of County Commissioners are to be commended for their efforts in behalf of this county just now. These agencies are working hard to get Chairman Jeffers of the State Highway Commission to see the necessity of widening and surfacing Highway 284 from the Pisgah National Forest to the Waynesville side.

If there is a section in the State of North Carolina where road work is needed for the purpose of providing employment, that section is to be found right here in Transylvania county. Three weeks more, and the summer camps will close, the tourists will leave for their homes, and then what activity we have in the community will come to an end...

Just what this community will do when the summer season ends and the campers and tourists go home is more than anyone can tell. We believe that Chairman Jeffers, when the true facts are unfolded to him, will respond to the appeal of the Chamber of Commerce and the county commissioners, and make his first orders embrace the work on Highway 284.

Each and every interested citizen, the ministers, business men, farmers and workers, ought to write Chairman Jeffers, of the State Highway Commission, and set forth the need of the hour. We believe he will respond quickly when once impressed with the seriousness of the situation.

Of course this need applies only to the wage-earners. The farmers of the county have their food in abundance, while a large number of them have farm products for sale. It is that group of our citizens who must work for wages that is feeling the need of the opportunity to work. And their need is great, more so than many people hereabouts realize.

PRIVATE FISHPONDS WOULD BE PROFITABLE

A suggestion that might be worth while to citizens living in the rural sections of the county is the construction of fishponds on their property. Almost every farm has a stream running through it which could be easily converted into a fishpond at practically no expense at all.

The dams can be built at a low cost, the game fish from public hatcheries can be had to stock the waters, and in three or four years the pond would be alive with fish. Not only would this provide plenty of fresh fish for the owners use, but it would enhance the value of the property if it were ever placed on the market.

The ponds would take up but little space on the farm and more food can be raised in a half acre of water than on two acres of land, according to information given out by an authority. After all, it seems that farmers would get somewhere by building a few fishponds on their property.

24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

Jerry Davis, the jeweler, offers something new in souvenirs: Pin trays, tape lines, hat and waist pins, and local views in paper weights. H. McDowell returned last week from Hendersonville, where he had been on his farm. Mrs. Drayton Perry of South Carolina is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Miller. Mrs. S. H. Bushnell went over to Asheville Tuesday to meet her son, H. H. Bushnell, and Elizabeth Mills. They will be here some time. Quite a large party left here today for Niagara Falls to be gone about ten days. They followed were in the party J. D. Boone, L. A. Miller, J. N. Jarrett, Virge McClure, Mrs. Jarrett, Mrs. McCate, Misses Olive Boone, Hortense Moore, Bertha and Mildred Davis, and Vinson Moore.

24 YEARS AGO IN HAYWOOD

Misses Mary Cole, Josephine McClacker, and Mary Turynell, and Messrs. Hugh Abel, Fred Howell, and Tom Campbell attended the ice cream supper at Delwood Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harbin of Sauk were shopping in Waynesville Saturday. The Haywood Institute will soon open, and the indications are that it will be very largely attended. Clyde is rapidly coming to the front as an educational center.

Park Development Meeting

(Hendersonville Times-News)

Forty citizens of Western North Carolina counties, representing a number of towns from Hendersonville west to Franklin, were in Asheville Friday to attend a meeting called to promote development of the Smoky Mountains National Park and highways leading into the Park. Statements have been in circulation in North Carolina to the effect that the more active in building roads to the park and in perfecting plans for development on that side of the mountains than the people over here have been. No doubt this is true. North Carolinians who have been across the mountains in the past few weeks have been greatly impressed with some of the work done by the Tennesseans, and it is said that by far the greater number of people now visiting the Park area are entering from the Tennessee side.

Tennessee has been working more systematically and tirelessly for Park development than North Carolina. Over here it is believed that the Tennesseans have greatly outdistanced our people in this matter. The object of the meeting in Asheville is to get the people of Western North Carolina behind a well-defined program for Park development on this side of the area.

After much discussion the Asheville meeting settled on a policy which if sincerely and energetically backed up by the people of the mountain counties directly interested in Park development, will result in securing for this section the benefits which it should receive from the park.

In the past the trouble in Western North Carolina has been nothing more or less than jealousy among a number of towns, all of which were seeking to derive the greatest possible benefits from the development of the park. This feeling was at the bottom of the controversy over designation of a "park entrance" or several entrances, and proposals for constructing around a dozen roads to connect with the park area. This feeling has been so strong that there has not been any genuine co-operation among North Carolina towns or any organized or systematic effort to promote North Carolina's interest.

The outlook since the Asheville meeting that development of the park should be greatly improved. Leaders in all Western North Carolina communities are at last seeing the justness of the policy heretofore pursued. For the past two or three years very little has been accomplished, and this policy offers nothing for the future.

It was out at the Asheville meeting area is under control of the federal authorities. The authorities will determine what developments shall be made and where roads are to be constructed. North Carolina might build roads up to the park boundary line at certain points only to find in later years that they made no connection with roads in the Park. Therefore the conclusion of the meeting was that a committee, composed of one representative from each of the interested counties, should be created and this committee should confer with park authorities from time to time and the authorities and the committee should work together for park development on the North Carolina side of the area. When the park authorities have determined what developments shall be made in the area, this committee will undertake to secure the co-operation of the State Highway Commission in building roads leading to the boundary line and which will connect with roads constructed in the park. The committee will also endeavor to aid the park authorities by conferring in regard to routes and the developments which ought to be made in the park. This plan appears to be practical—in fact, the only business-like plan that has been seriously considered in any of the several meetings held for considering park problems. If the people of Western North Carolina will back this plan it will enable the section to get somewhere with the

LETTERS TO EDITOR

PROTECTION TO THE HOME

"Ward" of The New York Tribune, quote six per cent rate today equal to eight per cent in 1928.

Mortgage interest rates on all real estate should be reduced to 4 per cent for a period of one year. This rate should be made effective for second mortgages as well as first mortgages. The purchasing power of a dollar today is at least one third greater than it was four years ago. Consequently property owners paying 9 per cent are in reality paying 3 per cent. Mortgage interest rates, like taxes in general, have remained immobile, during our three year adjustment period.

Why should mortgage interest rates stand like a wall against the owner? Why should not the mortgagee be called upon to participate in this readjustment period we are going through?

A national emergency exists. Is it fair that a man or woman who owns property should see their equities diminished, bit by bit—while mortgage interest and principal remain the same? Something must be done to stop these foreclosures. It is up to our representative who go to the State Legislature to attend to this momentous question. Let us as people of North Carolina see that our men in office who hold the reins of government work for the ultimate good of our people. Nothing can be done unless our real estate comes back, taxes reduced and banks have a heart to reduce their interest to six per cent.

WILTON ALLEN

Realization of its dreams about the benefits to be derived from the park. Information about all available routes leading to the park boundary on the North Carolina side should be prepared by this committee, which should co-operate with the park authorities in selecting the best routes and linking them up with roads in the park. At last, it seems that the people of Western North Carolina may be able to see this matter in its true light. After that, all that is necessary is a sincere spirit of co-operation and a large amount of hard work. That will enable this section to get a fair share of the benefits arising out of the park development.

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