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Park-To-Park Road Delegation from N. C. Impresses Officials

North Carolina Delegation Asks That Road Come Via Balsams to Park

A state delegation from North Carolina Tuesday made an impressive showing before the Regional Board of Public Works Administration in Baltimore in presenting a claim for the park-to-park scenic highway. Headed by Governor J. B. Ehringhaus, Senator Joseph H. R. Reynolds, Senator Joseph W. Bailey, together with members of the North Carolina highway commission of which Frank Miller of Waynesville is a member, the delegation signed their plea almost entirely upon the state's possession of more scenic scenery through the Blue Ridge from Low Gap at the Virginia line to Socco Gap in the Smoky Mountains National Park. Reuben B. Robinson of Canton was also present.

The commission heard on Monday the delegation from Virginia, who were divided as to where they wanted the highway. The delegation from North Carolina used an entirely different method in presenting their claims. Their information was systematic and thorough and in sharp contrast to that used in the Virginia delegation. The Tennessee delegation was heard Wednesday.

George H. Clark, consulting landscape architect, said after the hearing that the scenic highway presentation was a most graphic and interesting thing. The delegation regional advisor, W. L. Hatfield, regional advisor, said that he was impressed. Although there is nothing definite, the commission advised the delegation that they would be inspected before any action was taken. The commission will be made up of representatives from the hearing and get to a final decision.

The plan as presented to the commission calls for the highway to Linville Gorge, Little Switzerland, Mount Mitchell, Mount Pisgah, Balsams and on into the park by Socco Gap. The proposed highway would likely follow the old Balsam Gap to Socco Gap in this county.

The technical case for the state was presented by Mr. Jeffery and R. G. Bowman, location engineer, who stressed the fact that the North Carolina route follows the crest of the Blue Ridge and maintains a high altitude for its entire length, while the Tennessee route, which would leave the Blue Ridge at Grandfather Mountain, would necessarily have many dips into valleys between peaks.

The plan also was stressed that the Tennessee route would invite commercial traffic and would pass through industrial centers, while the North Carolina route would be purely a scenic route.

Governor Ehringhaus has been criticized in western North Carolina on the ground that he devoted his attention too much to eastern North Carolina, but he went to bat for western North Carolina, which under the Tennessee route would lose the highway through the sections of Linville Gorge, Little Switzerland, Mount Mitchell and the Balsam Mountains.

North Carolina's effort was by no means sectional. The State was united and one of the strongest arguments was made by Representative Dougherty, whose district would be served by either route.

"A scenic highway without those mountains would be like a funeral without the corpse," declared Frank Bailey.

BAILEY'S ARGUMENT

These two statements summarized the main argument of each speaker, but Senator Bailey added another argument.

"This is the one opportunity of a lifetime," said the Senator. "The United States is now spending its last billions and anyone who does not know it is a fool. The spending cannot continue at its present rate, and if North Carolina does not get this 200 foot highway now it will never get it."

Legion To Meet Thursday Night

The regular meeting of the American Legion will be held tonight, Thursday, Feb. 8th, at the Masonic Temple.

Tom Lee has promised good entertainment in addition to an important business session and it is hoped that a large number will be present.

Two Boys Sentenced For Stealing In Canton

After pleading guilty to charges of breaking and entering a sandwich shop in Canton last Saturday at midnight, Fred Roper, 20, of Gastonia, and Paul Warren, 21, of Murphy, were sentenced to the Craggy prison camp for 12 months each by Judge Chester A. Cogburn in city court Monday morning.

Did Groundhog See Shadow, Or Did The Snow Keep Him In?

It is an ancient belief that when the groundhog sees his shadow on February 2nd means six more weeks of winter is true then Haywood county is in for some more cold weather. Mr. Groundhog could have seen his shadow last Friday if he had come out of his hole but whether the snow kept him back or not is not known.

Some who claim to know say that the snow kept the animal and that we are in for spring weather instead of six more weeks of winter. Others who claim to know just as much about it say that the seven inches of snow on the ground had nothing to do with the predicting. So there.

Services Are Being Held Daily At Court House At Noon Time

Ministerial Association Of County Has Charge Of Services Daily At 1:15

Noon day services are being held each day at one o'clock at the court house in the main court room by the Haywood County Ministerial Association. The meetings will continue for the duration of the present term of criminal court and will be held by members of the association which is composed of the ministers of the county.

The services are brief, not being more than forty-five minutes long. General topics are being discussed by the preachers and regular sermon subjects are being avoided. It was announced.

The following pastors will have charge of the services for the coming nine days:

Thursday, Feb. 8, Rev. O. C. Landrum, Hazelwood, Friday, Feb. 9, Rev. C. N. Clark, Canton.

Saturday, Feb. 10, Rev. H. C. Freeman, Clyde.

Monday, Feb. 12, Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr., Waynesville.

Tuesday, Feb. 13, Rev. George B. Hammond, Canton.

Wednesday, Feb. 14, Dr. R. P. Walker, Waynesville.

Thursday, Feb. 15, Rev. C. C. Benton, Canton.

Friday, Feb. 16, Rev. R. P. McCracken, Clyde.

Saturday, Feb. 17, Rev. A. V. Jenner, Canton.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, Rev. H. W. Baucum, Waynesville, Rev. F. O. Dryman, Lake Junaluska, and Rev. T. J. Tysinger, Clyde, led the services in the order named.

Francis Is Now New Assistant Attorney

W. Roy Francis, local attorney, was sworn in as senior assistant district attorney last Thursday at Asheville by Marcus Erwin, recently appointed United States district attorney.

The junior assistant is William M. Nicholson, of Lincolnton. The offices of Mr. Marcus is in the Federal Building, in Asheville. Mr. Francis will maintain his office here as usual.

New Grand Jury Named For County

At the opening of court here Monday morning, the following were named on the Haywood county grand jury for the coming year:

D. A. Howell, foreman, O. F. Gillis, M. A. Potteat, O. T. Ferguson, W. W. Lowe, W. H. Kinsland, Wm. Robinson, Jess Hardin, D. L. Dean, Orin Davis, Jas. A. Miller, L. G. Pruitt, O. T. Arrington, Lester A. Smathers, Virgil Singleton, G. W. Terrell, and J. W. Carson.

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Citizens Sunday School Class To Begin Here Sun.

J. R. Morgan To Teach Class Of Men In His Office Each Sunday, Beginning At 10 O'clock

Beginning Sunday morning at ten o'clock J. R. Morgan will teach the newly organized Citizens Sunday School class, which will meet in the law office of Morgan, Stamey and Ward, in the building just opposite the court house.

Mr. Morgan has been teaching the Men's Bible class at the First Baptist church, but the fact that there were so many men who were not affiliated with any church, and who said they were interested in attending a class of this kind without having to go to church, Mr. Morgan, after making a survey of the town, decided to begin the class.

Mr. Morgan said "This class is intended to reach men who are not attending Sunday School elsewhere. A cordial invitation is extended to all men to join in the class regardless of church affiliation. The class will adjourn in time for the members to attend any church service that they desire, it was said."

One of the features of the class will be the informality. A number of men who work on Sundays will attend in their working clothes and those who do not feel that this dress is sufficient to encourage attendance will find a cordial welcome at the Citizens Sunday School class every Sunday morning at ten o'clock.

The lesson topic for discussion Sunday morning will be "Time Writings." An article on this subject will be found elsewhere in this paper.

R. L. Justice Gets Average Of 18 Cts. For Tobacco Crop

"Don't Crowd Tobacco, Give It Plenty Of Room," Is Advice Given By Local Farmer

R. L. Justice, of Waynesville, route three, showed The Mountaineer reports Tuesday for \$208.32 for the 1116 pounds of tobacco that he sold Monday on the Asheville market. This is an average of little more than 18 cents a pound.

Mr. Justice received as high as 25 cents a pound for some of his load, and the minimum of five cents through his average down. He quoted a buyer at the Banner Warehouse as saying that, "This is the finest tobacco I've seen." R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company's representative bought the entire load.

The crop was grown on land which for 19 years, with the exception of three, had been planted in corn. When asked to what he attributed such fine tobacco, Mr. Justice replied: "Careful handling and giving it plenty of room in the barn has always paid me." was the reply. "I use the loft of my barn and allow plenty of room between the tobacco, I never crowd."

The crop was grown by Van Ashe, under the supervision of Mr. Justice. It is said that Mr. Ashe has received more money for his crop than any man in his community.

Last week an article was carried about Howell McCracken, Waynesville, receiving an average of over 14 cents for his crop. Is there anyone who can beat the record set by Mr. Justice?

Lincoln Day Meet Is Set For Monday

Plans are being made by several Republicans of Haywood county to attend the annual Lincoln Dinner at Greensboro next Monday night, which is one of the main events of the Republican party.

Advance notices sent out say that Congressman McGugin of Kansas will be the principal speaker of the occasion and that he will give some "Real information about the activities of the administration in Washington."

Guy Higgs, of Canton, is a member of the committee of three in the state that are making final preparations for what is expected to be a record breaking crowd at the meeting.

J. H. Howell Slated To Be Postmaster

J. H. Howell received a telegram from Congressman Zebulon Weaver this week that his name had been submitted to the postmaster general urging that he be appointed postmaster of the Waynesville post office. Mr. Howell's name is scheduled to be sent to the Senate within the next few days for confirmation.

The general belief is that the formal appointment will be made within the next few days.

Only Two Routes From Waynesville After March First

Routes One, Two And Three Will Be Consolidated, W. A. Grahl and T. L. Bramlet Retiring

Effective March first, Waynesville will have only two rural mail routes, instead of three as at present. W. A. Grahl and T. L. Bramlett, veteran mail carriers will retire on that date and a consolidation of the routes will be made with Wayne Roper, press at carrier on Clyde, being the being transferred to Waynesville, route one and T. W. Murrell, presently carrying three routes over county roads.

The two routes will cover a distance of about 50 miles each it was learned.

The two retiring carriers entered the mail service on December 1, 1931, and are being treated with a pension effective March first.

Because of incomplete information from Washington, and, undoubtedly, as to the route changes that will be made, were not available at the post office this week. The exact territory as to which the two routes will be established will be announced later.

Each year on March first, mail routes are consolidated. With Clyde, route one and Waynesville, route three, were T. L. Bramlett retired. Wayne Roper, route one, retired from Waynesville, route one, consolidated and retained both.

Fairly Certain That Park Will Be Open By The First Of July

Washington Newspaperman Sees Possibility Of Great Smoky Park Being In Operation By July

"It now seems fairly certain that the Great Smoky Mountains National Park will be in full fledged operation as a national park by July 1, thus ending seven years of effort which began with the appropriation of two million dollars by the State of North Carolina in 1927, together with similar action by the State of Tennessee and the raising of one million dollars by private subscriptions in the two states, the entire sum being matched by a five million gift from Laura Spellman Rockefeller Foundation," writes Robert E. Williams for the Raleigh News and Observer from that paper's bureau in Washington.

The State of North Carolina recently abandoned its appeal from a decision in Buncombe county superior court awarding \$1,057,000 for the 32,000 acre Ravenscroft lumber tract and there also remains to be paid \$300,000 for the Suncrest Lumber Company tract of the same size. Funds are available to pay for these tracts, which together with small tracts yet to be acquired in Tennessee will give the 428,000 acres required as a minimum for the national park.

A delegation from North Carolina was here today, composed of W. W. Neal, chairman of the park commission; T. W. Raoul, a member; Harry Saunders, secretary and J. Wallace Winborne and A. Hall Johnston, attorneys for the commission. Together with Representative Zebulon Weaver they conferred with officials of the interior department. The only hitch now in the way is passage of a bill introduced by Mr. Weaver, which would clarify the right to use funds already allotted for that purpose for the national park.

Congress Passed A Bill For Cattlemen

Appropriation of \$200,000,000 Provided. Low Producing Cattle Would Be Purchased

Haywood County farmers will be interested in knowing that Congress on Monday passed a bill which made cattle a basic commodity and provided an appropriation of \$200,000,000 with an agreement that not more than 60 percent of that amount shall be expended for either beef or dairy cattle.

It is understood that a portion of the money will be used to carry out the plan presented to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration by Representative Hancock and which originated with Robert M. Cox, of Forsyth. Under the plan the government will through the surplus corporation buy up low producing cattle and distribute them through the relief organization to needy farmers, thus putting the dairy cattle where they are needed and keeping them off the beef cattle market. More cattle than before are being raised in eastern North Carolina and the industry has always been important in the mountain counties.

Wins O. Henry Prize



Miss Nancy Hale, a granddaughter of Edward Everett Hale and daughter of Philip Hale, painter, is the winner of the special prize of \$100 for the best short story of the year. This is one of the three O. Henry Memorial prizes. Miss Hale's story is "To the Traveler," published in Modern Youth. She began writing a few years ago and is associate editor of Vogue.

High Milk-Sanitation Ratings Are Given To Waynesville - Canton

Canton Is Third In State, And Waynesville Is Ranked At Fifth Place Of Twenty.

Out of the twenty-four cities in North Carolina with milk-sanitation ratings of 90 percent or more, Canton and Waynesville were third and fifth respectively, it was learned yesterday from E. L. Hinton, county sanitary officer, who has just received the report from The United States Public Health Service in Washington.

Canton has a rating of 98 percent, while Waynesville's rating was set at 96 percent. Hope Mills and Mt. Airy were first and second, respectively.

In a letter to Mr. Hinton, Dr. M. V. Zeigler, of Raleigh, and State Health Officer said, in part: "I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the splendid ratings for the cities of Canton and Waynesville, both of which are under your supervision."

A recent survey made of the dairies of the county showed the following official ratings, as made public by Mr. Hinton:

Waynesville, grade A.
Swift's Dairy
Ferguson's Dairy
Moody's Dairy
Alldison's Dairy.
Grade "B":
McCracken's Dairy
Canton, Grade A.
Osborne's Dairy
Smathers' Dairy
Mann's Dairy
Henderson's Dairy
Seley's Dairy
Worley's Dairy.

Plans Underway To Begin Boy Scout Movement Soon

Three Civic Clubs To Sponsor Troops In This Community Under District Organization

Present plans are that work will begin within the next few weeks with the organizing of several Boy Scout troops in this community under the general supervision of a district scout committee together with the National Boy Scout Organization which is represented in this section by A. W. Allen, of Asheville.

The American Legion and Rotary Club have formerly accepted the proposition and together with the Booster Club of Hazelwood, who are to vote on the matter tonight, it is expected that the organization will get under way at an early date.

It is the plan of the district committee to begin with about four troops, with 22 boys to each troop for the present and then as the troops get to where they are functioning properly other troops will be organized.

By joining in with the national and district group, the local scouts would have the use of the council camp in Pisgah Forest and the leaders here would be given a special training course before taking over a group of the boys.

President Roosevelt will speak over the radio Saturday at noon to the Boy Scouts of the nation.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hayes and son, Leon, left Friday to spend a month visiting in various cities in Florida.

Many Cases Disposed Of In Court. Albert Trantham Is Caught

Defendant In Murder Case Is Captured After 12 Hour Chase by Officers

Albert Trantham, charged with the murder of Clifford Swanson, 12-year-old Canton school boy, was brought back to the Haywood County Jail at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning after being captured by Sheriff Laws and his deputies after a twelve hour chase.

Trantham was out on bond, and when his case was called for in the Superior Court here Tuesday about noon, which is being presided over by Judge P. A. McElroy, it was said that Trantham was ill and not able to attend. The court instructed Sheriff Laws to take the county physician to see the defendant. Upon reaching the place where Trantham was staying, it was said that he fled, taking to the woods. He was caught near Cove Creek. He was out on a \$1,000 bond.

It is likely that his case will be called sometime today.

According to testimony at the hearing, Trantham was riding in a truck and when he passed the Swanson boy he reached out and grabbed the boy by the shoulder as he was walking along the highway and pulled him into the moving truck which was loaded with wood-cummins to Canton. Vernon Swanson was instantly killed.

Cases disposed of by the court through Tuesday night included: William Ramey, public drunkenness, sentenced 30 days.

William (Cody) Rames, public drunkenness, sentenced 30 days.

Grover Trantham, public drunkenness, sentenced 30 days.

Charlie Rames, public drunkenness, two charges, 30 days each.

Mattie Wright and Shuler Furniture Company, Inc., of Canton, compromised on a damage suit for \$1,250.00 for damages alleged to have been received when a truck driven by the furniture company struck Miss Wright on December 17, 1933.

Ernest West, violation prohibition law, entered plea of guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Roy Phillips and Arthur Warren, distilling, fined guilty. Each to pay half of cost.

Harry Snyder, sentenced four months for violation prohibition law.

Woodrow Smith, sentenced to roads for twelve months for violation prohibition law.

Clare Boyce, sentenced six months on roads for sale of liquor.

John D. Kinland, sentenced six months on road for violation prohibition law.

D. H. (Hardy) Clark, six months on road for sale of liquor.

Harry John, four months on road for selling liquor.

R. E. Taylor, driving auto drunk, fined \$5 and cost.

Clarence Withers, to remain out of North Carolina for violation of prohibition law.

Paul Curtis, violation prohibition law, case continued.

Thurman Jones, assault continued. Jess Watts, distilling, continued.

David Hyatt, manslaughter, continued.

J. F. Freshour, selling insurance without license, continued.

Norman and Charlie Pressley, assault, continued.

John Evans and Joe Evans, setting out fire, continued.

J. D. Heatherly, Inez Heatherly, and Les Cox, continued.

Fred Tipton, not pressed.

W. G. Ford, worthless check, continued.

George Love, assault with intent to kill, continued.

Charlie Rose, Jr., Frank Keaton, R. S. Lenoir, William Patton, and Jim Patton, accessory after the fact, murder, R. P. W. L.

Hugh Russell, reckless driving, continued.

Vaughn Pitt, assault with deadly weapon, continued.

Sevier Anders and Jess Anders, false pretense, continued.

J. K. Dotson, worthless check, continued.

Erwin Phillips, reckless driving, continued.

R. E. Campbell, malicious prosecution, continued.

Chas. Oswald, housebreaking, continued.

Lester Cox, assault, continued.

Steve Suttler, driving auto drunk, continued.

Mrs. Roosevelt Jones, perjury, continued.

Hugh Warren, assault with deadly weapon, continued.

Audrey Bowen, violation prohibition law, continued.

Ralph Hightower and J. A. (Red) Anderson, assault, continued.

F. A. West, carrying concealed weapon, continued.

Grover Townsend, public drunkenness, continued.

Bronson Hall, Hewitt Case, and Glen (Black) Well, gambling, continued.

Arthur Arrington, larceny and receiving, continued.

Fred Mathews, assault with deadly weapon, continued.

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