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Final Engineering Work Started On Soco Gap Road; Part Of Parkway

Began Last Survey Of Soco Gap Link Of Parkway Monday. Contract To Be Let Soon

A party of engineers under B. Cotrell, chief, went to work on Monday morning at Soco Gap on the parkway beginning at the foot of the mountains going towards Cherokee, putting in grade and slope stakes along the survey heretofore made, which is the final engineering work on this project.

It is understood that a contract will be let on this section of the road by the United States Federal Bureau of Roads just as soon as this engineering work is completed. If present plans go through the work will be finished within thirty days, so that the contract can be let in December, or by the first of January.

Mr. Cotrell, who is chief of the party, is with the Federal Bureau of Roads and has another party under his supervision that is making a survey of a national park road from Black Camp Gap to Flat Creek, where the National Park Service proposes to build a large tourist camp within the boundaries of the park area. This work is also being pushed so that the contract may be let.

Last Rites For Mrs. J. M. McCracken Held Monday At Crabtree

Funeral services were conducted on Monday morning at 11 o'clock from the residence on the Fairview Road, for Mrs. J. M. McCracken, 50, who passed away on Saturday night.

The Rev. J. M. Woodard, pastor of the Hazelwood Baptist church, and the Rev. R. P. McCracken, of Crabtree, officiated. Interment was in the cemetery at the Crabtree Baptist church.

pallbearers were, George Plott, William Hannah, Noble Ferguson, Jarvis Allison, Robert Welch, and Will Harris.

Mrs. McCracken had been in failing health for several months. She was prior to her marriage Miss Jennie Welch, daughter of the late James and Charity Welch, of Crabtree.

Surviving are her husband, one son, Messes McCracken; four daughters, Mrs. J. Q. Allison, Mrs. Edgar Swain, Miss Tyree and Opal Ferguson; one sister, Mrs. Robert Messer, of Crabtree, and Robert Messer, of Jerry Welch, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; West Welch, of Greenville, S. C.; and Norman Welch, of Forest City.

Freddie Crawford In Record Pass

Missed World Record Of 1906 By Five Feet. Threw Pass Eighty-Two Yards

Freddie Crawford, whose career is being watched with interest in this section, continues to be a headliner among the sports editors. They continue to laud his past feats, as well as record his recent glories.

In his prep school days Freddie was known to have tossed the ball through the posts from the sixty-yard mark, or a pass of well over 70 yards. There was no other effort to prove that Freddie was an exceptional passer, since he did not pass at college. But on Tuesday night while playing with the Chicago Bears at Baltimore, he proved beyond doubt that he can pass.

In a game against the Washington Redskins which the Bears won 52 to 12, Freddie threw an 82-yard pass which was completed for a touchdown. It is said to have missed the world record made in 1906 by only five feet.

Assistant County Agent Now On Job

S. R. Mitchiner, of Franklinton, has joined the office of W. D. Smith, county agent as an assistant agent. More than a year ago the work here increased to such an extent that it was necessary for Mr. Smith to have an assistant and Roy Crouse, of Sparta, was added to the office. Since that time the work has again demanded another assistant.

Mr. Mitchiner is a graduate of the North Carolina State College in the class of 1930. For two years he was connected with the management of his father's farm in Franklin county. He also spent two years in the Canal Zone, where he grew bananas on a farm near Panama. His education and experience cover a wide field, and Mr. Mitchiner is well qualified for the work assigned to him.

Miss Diana Black has as her guest this week Mrs. Tom Snyder, of Lexington.

News Events Briefly Told

The chances of getting a new post office at Canton were rated as "very slim" this week by those who have been behind the project for some time.

Poor visibility caused Olek Bevins, plane pilot, to crash into the main antenna tower of radio station WLW, Cincinnati. He was instantly killed.

A new bridge, costing \$20,000, will be built over the railroad crossing at Enka in the near future.

Captain Robert H. Bruce, of Louisiana, maintains that the fatal shooting of Senator Huey Long is still a "mystery" and is asking that the government investigate and order an autopsy preformed. Bruce said the bullet which killed Long was a .38, while Dr. Carl Weiss' gun was a .32.

Mrs. Calvin Coolidge will arrive soon to spend the winter in Tryon. For the past three years she has made that place her winter home.

Officers of Hendersonville and Henderson county have just received a complete outfit of tear gas guns, machine guns and other equipment used in fighting crime.

Two negroes were given their freedom by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus because they volunteered for experiment, with spinal meningitis. Their act was termed "self-sacrificing service."

Sidney Smith, creator of the Andy Gump comic strip, was killed early Sunday morning in an automobile accident in Wisconsin.

Prof. Max Bryant Buried In St. Louis

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon in St. Louis for Prof. Max Bryant, 60, who died suddenly on Thursday night, according to messages received here by his mother, Mrs. W. M. Bryant.

Professor Bryant was the son of the late W. M. Bryant, who was for many years a teacher in one of the St. Louis schools. More than forty years ago the elder Bryant came to this section, bought property and built a house, and resided here during the summer months.

Professor Bryant was also a teacher, but of late years had spent his time as a linguist for several large establishments in St. Louis. He had been living here for more than thirty years, being away quite often on extended business trips.

His mother, who lives here at the Bryant place on the Asheville Road, has been confined to her bed some of the time during the past five years.

Choral Club Formed By Local Singers

Monday night the singers of Waynesville organized what is to be known in the future as "The Waynesville Choral Club." The officers are: Van Preston, director, Grace Crocker, accompanist, LeRoy Davis, secretary-treasurer, Ida Jean Brown, librarian.

It was gratifying to Mr. Preston to have 40 singers present at the first meeting. The first appearance of the club will be a candle light service to be given a few days before Christmas. The music has been ordered and will be on hand for the next rehearsal. Until further notice the club will meet every Monday night at the First Baptist church at 7:30.

P. T. A. Study Course To Begin Here Fri.

The course of study to be sponsored by the Haywood Council of the P. T. A. will open with the initial meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 in the Waynesville Central Elementary school auditorium.

The general theme for the meeting is, "Education for the World Today," with many pertinent subjects developed in the course to be pursued during the coming weeks. On Friday Dr. Willus A. Parker, will address the group on "Early Childhood Education." Dr. Parker is an outstanding educator and sociologist.

While the meeting is being held for the benefit of the members of the county P. T. A. the public is invited to attend.

Dr. Parker will also be the speaker for the meeting to be held on November for the first, with the place of meeting to be announced at a later date.

Red Cross Regional Conference Will Meet Here Today

Maurice Reddy Of National Staff Scheduled To Be Principal Speaker

Delegates from eleven counties are meeting here today in the Baptist church for the Regional Conference of the American Red Cross. Rev. J. E. Flannagan, district chairman, will preside. Maurice R. Reddy, assistant director of disaster service of the Red Cross with headquarters in Washington, D. C., will make the principal address of the day.

The following chapters will be represented: Andrews, Black Mountain, North Buncombe, and Canton, and the following county chapters: Buncombe, Clay, Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Transylvania, and Yancey.

County Doctors Ask For Additional Unit At Hospital Here

Facilities Needed For Caring For Contagious Diseases At Local Institution, Physicians Urge

The Haywood County Medical Society by unanimous vote in the last regular meeting, is sponsoring a movement to provide facilities at the Haywood County Hospital to allow hospital care for contagious diseases.

The doctors of the county have always been confronted with the problem of providing hospital care for desperately ill patients suffering with such diseases as diphtheria, scarlet fever, erysipelas, typhoid fever, and other infectious diseases. These cases must necessarily be quarantined at home or in the hospital. They are dangerous to the health of all patients, but more particularly to surgical and obstetrical patients.

In large cities and medical centers isolated hospitals are provided for this type of cases where there is no possibility of infection of clean cases.

"To meet this provision it is necessary to have a separate building or an isolated wing to the main building whereby complete care can be provided without danger to the regular hospital population. A proper unit to care for this important class of patients can be provided for the people by the construction of another wing to our present hospital plant. Too, this new facility will be provided just as soon as the citizens of Haywood county realize its importance and express their wishes to the proper authorities," it was pointed out.

Dr. Tom Stringfield, president of the Haywood County Medical Society, has appointed the following committee to present this matter to the various city organizations of the county: Canton, Dr. J. L. Reeves, Dr. Roy H. Moore; Waynesville, Dr. J. E. Abel, and Dr. Sam L. Stringfield.

Firemen Hold Annual Outing

Members of the local fire department and their invited guests enjoyed the Firemen's Annual outing at the city park last Friday night with an oyster supper.

Oscar Briggs, fire chief, was in charge of arrangements, and some sixty attended the outing.

Paul Hardin Is Attending Conference

Owing to the absence of the pastor, Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr., who is attending the Western North Carolina Conference, which is in session in Salisbury this week, there will be no church services at the Methodist church on Sunday. The church school will assemble as usual at 9:45.

Before he left, Rev. Hardin expressed great satisfaction over the report he was taking to present the conference from the local church. During the past year there have been 35 new members to unite with the congregation, and every financial obligation of the church has been met, with the total amount of money raised by the membership during 1935 approximately \$7,500.

Outlet Store Has Been Here A Year

A year ago, George Raiff, owner of Raiff's Department Store in Canton, opened the Outlet Store here, and this week the local store is staging a mammoth selling event celebrating their first anniversary in Waynesville. Mr. Raiff stated that he had been pleased with the business done by the store here, and was among those who believed better business conditions were just ahead.

Judge Felix Alley arrived on Saturday from Raleigh and spent the week-end with his family here.

52 Men Started To Work On City Park Monday

Other Projects In Haywood County Under W. P. A. To Get Underway Soon, Said

Fifty-one men from the relief rolls were put to work Monday morning at city park on East street under Jarvis Moody who was named foreman. Work on the city park was started some months ago, and work was temporarily suspended because of lack of materials.

Much interest has been shown in the park, and it was learned from official sources this week that the park would be completed this time.

Funds totaling \$5,554 have been set aside for the labor on the park.

This is the second WPA project to be approved in the county. The other project being street work in Canton, with 42 men given jobs. This work started two weeks ago.

A WPA official stated that a third project for Haywood county would be approved soon, perhaps in a week or so.

Record Breaking Sale At Clyde Stock Yards

The best sale in months, and one of the best in the history of the Mutual Stock Yards business, was held at Clyde last Thursday.

A total of 211 head of cattle and 26 pigs were sold in about 3 or 3 1/2 hours. Total sales amounted to nearly \$6,000. The scale below will give a good idea of the prices that our Haywood farmers got for their cattle:

Cows \$2.15 to \$5.00 per hundred. Heifers, \$3.30 to \$5.35 per hundred. Steers, \$4.00 to \$7.00 per hundred. Calves \$3.80 to \$8.50 per hundred.

Shippers present and buying were as follows: John Huppis, J. A. Baker Packing Co., T. D. Palmer, Z. V. Cline, J. M. Trout, Paul Costner, J. T. Walker, and Dean Brothers.

Local buyers were as follows: Theo. Ferguson, Earl Ferguson, Jas. Harrell, Sam Queen, T. N. Leatherwood, J. M. McElroy, W. P. Boyd, W. J. Brown, and Earl Green.

Haywood Mutual Stock Yards is a local corporation, the members being Glenn A. Boyd, Pres., R. H. West, vice president, T. B. Medford, L. H. Bramlett, R. G. Sanford, Medford Leatherwood, R. T. Boyd, Chas. Sanford, and C. R. Moss, secretary-treasurer. Medford Leatherwood is auctioneer.

6,858 Books Loaned By Local Library

Since the Waynesville Library reopened its doors to the public on June 14th, up to October the 1st, 6,858 books have been loaned. This number will be materially increased this month, as the school children, owing to the inadequate facilities of the school libraries, are using the books extensively for reference work.

The most widely read book of the past three months has been "Now in November," by Josephine Johnson, a Pulitzer prize winning novel of 1935. Other popular books have been "Time Out of Mind," by Rachel Field; "Good-bye Mr. Chips," by James Hilton; "White Rome Burns," by Alexander Woolcott; and "Heaven's My Destination," by Thornton Wilder. The "Lamb in His Bosom," by Carolyn Miller, has run a close second to "Now in November."

A service that will be greatly appreciated by those wishing additional information, is the Inter-Library Loan, which will be made through libraries, with the person borrowing the book defraying the expense of the postage. Through this service the library of the University of North Carolina lends thousands of books each year to the libraries of the state, for their patrons. Anyone wishing for service is asked to get in touch with Miss Doris Messer, librarian.

One need at present for the Waynesville Public Library, for which there are no available funds, is the supplying of magazines, regularly. Several interested persons have from time to time placed copies of wanted periodicals on the rack, but the directors are anxious to have some one person be responsible for a specific magazine, to which they subscribe willing to donate to the library, as soon as read, thereby securing the publication each month.

Since October the first the library has been opened only in the afternoons.

McCracken Might TAKE OFFICE MONDAY

W. H. McCracken, newly appointed county tax collector and supervisor, will likely take over the office the first of the week, as the \$50,000 bond is expected here the latter part of this week.

Mr. McCracken was named to succeed D. A. Howell at a recent meeting of the board of commissioners.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Y. Bridges, of Charlotte, spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bridges.

Suit For Alleged \$60,920 Tax Office Shortage Filed, Welch To Deny All Charges

Cash Prize To Be Given For Ghost Story Next Week

Next Thursday is Halloween, which means that ghost stories and the such will be the order of the day, and since The Mountaineer is published on Halloween day this year the publishers are offering a cash prize of \$1.50 to the person submitting the best ghost story.

The rules are simple. All that is necessary is a story not much over 1,000 words. Stories about a Haywood County ghost or haunted house are desired.

Get busy, think back over the number of ghost years you have heard and send them in to the office by noon Monday. The decision of the judges will be final.

Nurses Of Public Health Service Hold Meeting

Dr. C. N. Sisk Addresses Group Composed Of Nurses Of 18 Counties Of First District

The quarterly meeting of the first district of the public health nursing section of the State Nurses Association, composed of 18 counties, was held here on Wednesday at the Baptist church. During the luncheon hour and business session, Miss Lillian Bayley, of Asheville, chairman of the district, presided, and Mrs. Jean Dillon, supervisor of nursing in the district health department of which Haywood county is a part, presided over the afternoon session.

Foremost of interest on the program was the talk by Dr. C. N. Sisk, director of the district health department, who spoke on "Communicable Disease Control." In developing his subject Dr. Sisk discussed the activities of the health department in control of communicable diseases, both from the standpoint of the poorly manned rural health department and the better financed city health organization. He pointed out the more intensive work that could be accomplished in the city in the way of frequent visits in cases of communicable diseases because of the larger personnel and the restricted area. He outlined the procedure and handling of communicable diseases by quarantine and isolation in the home and in the school, and also spoke of the immunization against typhoid fever, diphtheria and smallpox.

Following the talk by Dr. Sisk, Miss Grace McDaniel, public health nurse of the Cherokee Reservation, led in a discussion of communicable disease control from the standpoint of the rural nurse. Mrs. E. Jenkins, of the Asheville city health department, presented the subject from the view point of the public health nurse on a city staff.

Dr. Marjory Lord, medical inspector of the Asheville city health department and offered valuable suggestions on the problems of public health nursing in the school work.

The meeting opened with a luncheon served at 12:30 at the Baptist church. Blessing was given by Rev. H. W. Baucom, pastor of the church. Mrs. T. Lewis Gwyn, representing the mayor, welcomed the group, to which Miss Jean Brown, of Asheville, responded. Mrs. Jack Messer spoke on "Parent-Teacher Association Objectives and Co-operation with Health Work." Rev. H. W. Baucom, chairman of the Haywood County chapter of the Red Cross, outlined the "Accidents and Safety Program" of that organization and its relation to public health.

A brief business session was held at which time it was decided to give an entire day to the next meeting, which will be held in Asheville on January the 22nd.

Baptist Women Meeting Today

Mrs. J. R. Morgan, of this city, will preside over the annual meeting of the Asheville division of the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to North Carolina Baptist State Convention which convenes this morning in Franklinton.

Mrs. Wesley N. Jones, sister of Senator J. W. Bailey, and a leader in women's work in this state, will be the principal speaker of the conference.

Mrs. Robert H. Stretcher and young son left on Sunday for a visit to the eastern part of the state. While away they will be the guests of Mrs. J. Wiley Barnes in Raleigh, and of Mrs. Lula Uzzel in Kenley.

Sheriff Of County, And Former Tax Collector To Maintain He Did Not Receive Proper Credits

A lengthy answer denying every charge as set out in the two suits filed with the clerk of court here Monday by Haywood county and the state in which J. C. Welch, sheriff, and former tax collector is named as defendant for the alleged shortage of \$60,920.08, is now being prepared by the defense attorneys, it was learned from an authoritative source by this paper yesterday.

Sheriff Welch in his first formal public statement, told this paper that the amount set out in the two suits "would be reduced fifty per cent as the 'show down.'" He vigorously denied that the shortage amounts to the figures stated in the filed bills of the state.

Last September a year ago, the board of county commissioners ordered that an audit be made of the tax books. Mr. Welch was then tax collector, and had been for seven years. The audit was made and when completed showed an alleged shortage of \$60,920.08. Of this amount, Mr. Welch, through attorneys, will maintain that he did not receive credit for "about fifty per cent," as he is charged with sales certificates, and not given credit for insolencies, errors, releases and removals.

In his first statement yesterday, Mr. Welch stated that some \$18,000 of \$19,000 had been recently collected of the alleged \$60,920 shortage, but he had not been given credit for it.

The suits were filed by J. G. Merriam and A. S. Barnard, of Asheville, attorneys for the plaintiffs. One of the suits is against Mr. Welch and the Fidelity and Deposit Company, of Maryland, for an alleged shortage of \$24,678.25 in Mr. Welch's tax accounts for 1931. The other suit is against Mr. Welch and the National Security Corporation, of New York, for an alleged shortage of \$18,241.83 in his 1932 tax accounts.

The board of commissioners on a number of occasions met with officials of the bonding companies in an effort to settle the alleged shortage, but unauthoritative reports are that an agreement could not be reached, as the companies were not satisfied as to the time the alleged shortage took place. To this point Mr. Welch maintains that the audit covering a period of seven years brought forward all uncredited releases, errors and removals which are considered "regular" in tax collecting.

Just how near the commissioners and the bonding companies got to making a settlement could not be learned, although the fact is known that every effort has been made to keep the matter out of court, as some of those who study such cases believe it will be a long drawn out litigation before the case is disposed of.

The county commissioners in a formal statement to the press some few months ago assured the taxpayers of Haywood county that the county would not lose a cent of the alleged shortage. To this statement, Mr. Welch added yesterday, "I'm ready to pay every dollar they claim I'm short, when I'm given credit for that which I am due credit." With this statement, he said that the people of this county need to pass judgment on the matter as it is settled.

Morgan, Stamey & Ward, of this city, and S. Brown Shepherd, of Raleigh, are attorneys for the defendants, and are now preparing the answer to the suit. They have thirty days in which to file their answer. The case will likely come up in the January term of civil court.

The plaintiffs ask in addition to the alleged \$60,920.08 shortage, that payment of \$2,000 penalty in each case be awarded.

Mr. Welch was under a fifty thousand dollar bond in each of the years in which the alleged shortage is said to have occurred.

Public officials and others here report that at no time has a civil action attracted more attention and been the cause of more comment than has this one, and predictions of these same people are that when the case reaches court that it will attract more people than even the largest sensational murder trial.

The matter has been in the hands of almost three boards of commissioners. When the audit was ordered back in September, 1934, the board was composed of W. A. Hyatt, chairman, Frank Davis and E. B. Rickman. Less than three months later two new members took their places on the board by reason of the June primary, then making the board composed of W. A. Hyatt, chairman, Lee Ferguson and Jarvis H. Allison. The legislature named four new additional members, making a seven-member board. The four named by the legislature were: Edwin Fincher, Albert McCracken, J. W. Ray, and J. E. Henderson.