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Highway Projects Planned For Haywood County

Seven Major Projects Outlined By Commissioner McKee To Local Group

Seven important highway projects are slated for Haywood County, was the definite statement of Commissioner E. L. McKee to a group of Haywood citizens on Monday.

Within thirty days Mr. McKee looks for the letting of a contract to widen the highway in East Waynesville, from the city limits to the Ratcliff Cove road. This project will cost approximately \$43,000, which is several thousand more than first anticipated due to the additional drainage facilities, found necessary.

As soon as machinery is available, crews are to begin work widening and surfacing the road from Waynesville to Bethel. The road will be 20 feet wide. This work will be a WPA project, but under the supervision of the state highway department. Plans are to take out a number of curves in the present road.

Mr. McKee said his plans were to get from the next appropriation, enough money to surface the two and one-half mile stretch of road from Cruso to the mouth of Hungry Creek. The road to Cruso is already surfaced.

Before the next tourist season, he plans to put crews at work on the road from the steel bridge to the top of the mountain at Wagon Road Gap, a three-mile mountain road. This will be put into a good gravel road, with a curbing, and some of the sharper curves cut away.

Machinery is awaiting the settlement of a right-of-way controversy to renew work on the Fines Creek road from Rush Fork Gap to James' store. The highway department has money in hand ready to complete the surfacing of the road for the two miles, which is a two-mile short cut over the present road. The county commissioners and committee of the Chamber of Commerce are attempting to work out satisfactory plans so the work can go forward at once. Work was suspended 40 days ago when the state held that too much was being asked for a right-of-way.

No definite time was set, but Mr. McKee said plans were underway to straighten the highway and build a new bridge at the Little Rock Filling Station, midway between here and Lake Junaluska.

Plans are also underway to extend Highway 110 from Woodrow over the river to connect with the new highway from Bethel to Cruso. This will necessitate the building of a bridge, Mr. McKee pointed out.

"Over \$600,000 has been spent in Haywood County during the past year, on roads and other improvement," Mr. McKee told the group.

The citizens from here Monday learned that their request that Highway No. 284 be changed from a state highway to a federal highway had been granted, and that new U. S. highway signs would be erected at once. U. S. Highway 276 starts at Laurens and would terminate at Waynesville at present. By making this a U. S. Highway, it was pointed out that Waynesville would appear on all maps.

Those attending the meeting Monday from here, were: L. N. Davis, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce roads committee, Geo. A. Brown, Jr., chairman of the board of commissioners, Frank Davis, commissioner and Chas. E. Ray, Jr., W. A. Hyatt, J. R. Boyd, J. W. Killian, and J. Dale Stentz.

Mrs. A. T. Lucas, of Winston-Salem, spent several days during the past week with her sisters, Mrs. N. M. Medford and Mrs. A. T. Ward. Upon her return home, Mrs. Lucas was accompanied by Mrs. Ward, who made her a brief visit.

1,000 Acres On Town Watershed Already Burned

The forest fire on the Waynesville watershed was confined last night to the mica mine areas, after burning 1,000 of the 9,500 acres since last Friday afternoon. The sections about Snaggy Ridge, Deep Pigeon Gap were hit by the blaze.

Robert Hugh Clark, superintendent of lights, took a crew of town workmen to the scene when the alarm was given, and since then as many as 50 men have fought the blaze, under the direction of Mark Hannah, county fire warden, and his crews have been assisted by a party of 50 CCC men.

Commander Rose Will Address Groups Friday

State Legion Head Is Brought Here By Haywood Post And P. T. A.

June Rose, commander of the American Legion and superintendent of schools, Greenville, N. C., will be the special guest of the Haywood Post No. 47 and the Parent-Teacher Associations of the community on Friday night at the Legion home.

Commander Rose will address the groups and their friends. He will be introduced by Major J. H. Howell. Lester Burgin, commander of the local post, will preside.

Representatives from local civic organizations, town officials, ministers, post commanders, adjutants and other members of the American Legion posts from Asheville, Franklin, Bryson City, Andrews, Murphy and Robbinsville have also been invited.

Special guests of the evening will be the Gold-Star mothers of the community, Mrs. John McClure, of Hazelwood, and Mrs. J. L. Williams, of Waynesville.

Friday morning Commander Rose will speak to the students of the high school. He will be introduced by Mrs. D. D. Alley, state president of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers.

At noon on Friday Commander Rose will be the guest of M. H. Bowles, superintendent of the Waynesville district schools, at the Rotary luncheon.

Plans On Rural Electrification Project Are Being Past Week

Committees Are At Work In Five Sections Of Haywood Trying To Get Projects

Five meetings in the interest of securing electrification through the assistance of the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington, were held over the county during the past week.

Large crowds and enthusiasm were met at each meeting according to J. C. Lynn, county farm agent, who sponsored the movement.

Committees were appointed in each section to complete a sign up of all prospective subscribers, the work to be finished by December the first so that the project may be brought up for approval before the administration in Washington at an early date.

A list of the committees who will serve is as follows:

Iron Duff committee: Jarvis Chambers, W. C. Welch, Joe Medford, J. H. Medford, T. C. Davis, Horace Bryson, Jess Fulbright, Harley Bryson, Dennie Crawford, Frank Davis, Oral Yates.

Fines Creek committee: Roy Rogers, Sam Ferguson, D. Reeves Noland, Grady Ferguson, Glenn James, N. C. James, Glenn McCracken, Cauley Rogers, John — (Continued on back page)



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farm agent's office, with ... Canton, N. C. Dear Mr. Osborne:— It must be a source of gratification to you and your associates for your herd of Guernseys to continue to break national records, as I have noticed all along.

I think it was quite a distinction for you to be called upon to provide a cow for exhibition at the New York World's Fair.

As a lover of good cattle, and one who knows the time, and investment it takes to do what you have, I offer my congratulations on your accomplishments.

GENERAL HAYWOOD.

Mayor and Aldermen, Waynesville, N. C. Gentlemen:—

The double parking situation on our Main Street has become more than a nuisance—it is dangerous, as evidenced last week when a school boy started across the street and had the view obstructed by a double parked truck.

The condition is growing worse. No attempt seems to be made by the police to better the situation.

I understand that some property owners have offered right-of-ways for a back alley. I realize that some are still opposed to such an alley, but that is to be expected. — (Continued on page 2) —

with an active Sunday school in 34 of the 37 churches.

The valuation of all Baptist church properties in the association is listed at \$197,846. The Waynesville church is listed at \$55,000, and the Canton church at \$52,380. Clyde comes third with a valuation of \$25,000.

The 37 churches reported that \$30,287.65 was spent during the year for local church work. Canton led the field, with donations of \$7,560.78. Waynesville was second with \$4,769.33, and Hazelwood third with \$2,061.64.

Total contributions for all purposes amounted to \$37,143.93. This included gifts for missions, education, and benevolences.

Rich, 23, alleged slayer of his brother, Jess Allen Rich, on Sunday, August the 27th, at the home of his parents, at Maggie, on the Soco Gap road, will come up for trial.

A civil calendar has also been prepared for trial during the second week of court.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee, of Atlanta, spent the week-end in town as the guests of the former's father, W. T. Lee, at his country place on the Fairview road.

Mrs. Joe Liner and young son left Friday for Miami, where they will spend the greater part of the winter.