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Engineers To Check Proposed Highway Route

Best Farm Development Pleases Board

Development Pigeon River Parkway Is Being Urged

Parkway Is Being Urged At Early Date

Chairman Graham Orders Investigation To Be Made Of Proposed Road To Tennessee Line.

Plans are underway for an engineering party, headed by R. Getty Browning, chief locating engineer of the State Highway Department, to make an investigation of the feasibility of building a water-level highway down Pigeon River to the Tennessee line. The order for the investigation was made last week here by A. H. (Sandy) Graham, chairman of the highway commission.

Mr. Browning told The Mountaineer that he would make his plans to come back here within ten days or two weeks and start the investigation.

The proposed highway would run from the Cove Creek post office on Highway 284 down Pigeon river to Waterville lake, and around the lake on down the river to connect with Highway No. 32 at the Tennessee line.

The distance of this proposed road is about 19 miles from the Cove Creek post office. It is 33 miles from Waynesville to the Tennessee line via the proposed road.

The new road would open the Big Creek and Cataloochee areas of the Park, as well as the famous Pigeon River Gorge, which is claimed by many to be some of the most rugged scenery in Eastern America. Some of the cliffs are described as being 1,000 feet high.

The water-level highway would give a direct outlet and inlet for traffic from the mid-west to this section, it was pointed out.

There is on record here some maps and surveys made by a railroad of that area, and it is likely that Mr. Browning and his associates will consult these maps before going into the field to make their survey.

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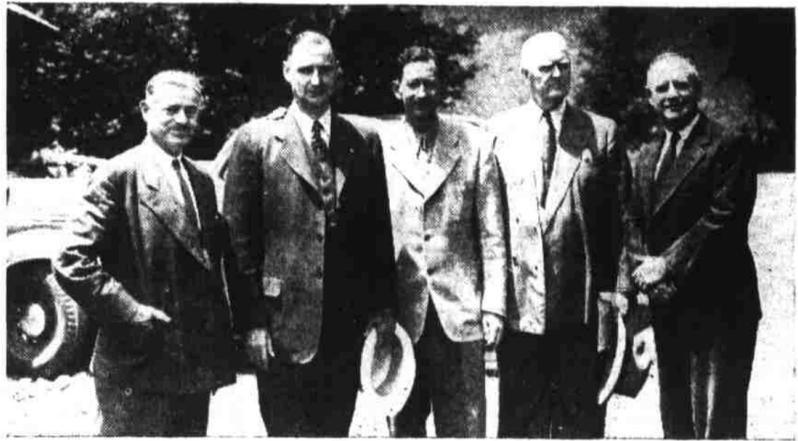
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Park and Highway Men Hear From Haywood Leaders



While here last Thursday for a meeting, two of Haywood's civic and business leaders, representing Waynesville and Canton, discussed at length, the need of additional improvements on roads and the Park in general in this area. Shown here are five of the men who entered the discussions: left to right, Newton B. Drury, director of the Park Service; A. H. (Sandy) Graham, chairman of the State highway commission; Charles E. Ray, committee chairman; Ruben B. Roberson, vice president of the Champion Paper and Fibre Company; and Blair Ross, superintendent of the Park. (Photo by Grennell for The Mountaineer.)

Haywood Electric Directors Name New Board

The board of directors of the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation has nominated a new board to be put up for election at the annual meeting to be held on Saturday, August 25, in the court house here.

The directors have nominated Ira H. Cogburn, East Fork Weaver; Calhoun Pigeon, J. N. Davis, Cecil Carter Osborne, Clyde W. P. Harris, Beaverdam, Roy Medford, Iron Duff, Albert W. Ferguson, Crabtree, Mrs. C. S. Green, Fines Creek, C. M. Moody, Jonathan Creek, and H. W. Davis, and C. W. London, of Upper Hominy, Buncombe county.

In the meantime any fifteen members of the corporation may nominate a new board, which must be filed in the local office of the organization 15 days before the annual meeting. The rules governing the election also permit nominations from the floor at the annual meeting, it has been learned from James E. Moore, superintendent.

Those serving the corporation as directors during the past year are as follows: Rev. Oder F. Burnett, Bill Green, James Smith, F. A. Justice, Glenn A. Boyd, D. D. York, H. R. Bryson, George H. Haynes, D. Reeves Noland, C. P. Miller, and P. E. Yarbrough, the latter two of Buncombe county.

Lt. Thos. W. McKee Killed In Action In India, July 18

Second Lieutenant Thomas Wilbur McKee, son of Mrs. Arlene M. McKee, of Camp Junaluska and Jacksonville, Fla., was killed in India on July 19, according to a message received by his mother from the war department.

Lt. McKee, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, attended Lake Junaluska and East Waynesville elementary schools and was graduated from the Andrew Jackson senior high school, Jacksonville, Fla., in the class of 1940. He attended the University of Florida where he was a student in engineering and a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. He volunteered while in college in the Army Air Corps Reserve in May, 1942 and was called

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Health Center To Reopen On First Wed. In August

The Health Center which is sponsored by the Haywood county health department and was discontinued for a period of several weeks, has been resumed, it was learned from Dr. C. N. Sisk this week.

The clinics will be reopened the first Wednesday in August, and the hours will be from 10 to 12 and from 1 to 5 o'clock. All mothers with small children and expectant mothers are urged to visit the center.

Killed In India



Lt. THOMAS WILBUR MCKEE, son of Mrs. Arlene M. McKee, of Camp Junaluska and Jacksonville, Fla., who was killed in India on July 19, according to a message received by his mother, is shown here.

Joins Vet Group



J. C. BROWN will join the veterans administration on August first, as a supervisor in this state. He has been a member of the Waynesville high school faculty for the past ten years.

J. C. Brown Resigns From School Faculty

J. C. Brown, well known civic leader and member of the faculty of the Waynesville Township high school for the past ten years, has resigned his post and accepted a position with the Veterans Administration as a training officer.

His duties will be to organize, place in college and supervise veterans who wish to continue their education. The position is under civil service.

He will also place men in special vocational training, and supervise their activities.

Mr. Brown came here from Gainesville, Fla., in 1935, and has made an outstanding record in his work in vocational agricultural education. His students have received both state and national recognition.

A veteran of World War I and holding a master's degree from the University of Florida and his 24 years of teaching experience, Mr. Brown is well qualified for his new work.

He has been active in local affairs, having served as president of the Waynesville Rotary Club and is a past commander of the Waynesville post of the American Legion. He will maintain his residence here for the present, and Mrs. Brown will continue teaching in the high school.

Mr. Brown leaves August first for a two-week course at Fayetteville, and from there will be assigned to a district in North Carolina.

He has had eight boys from his vocation classes to receive American farmers degree by the national Future Farmers, and 33 state farmers.

Noland Soon To Finish 2 Buildings On Main Street

Two of the Buildings Will Be Occupied By Government Agencies As Soon As Ready.

D. Reeves Noland is pushing to completion three Main Street buildings here, and plans to have two of them ready within a week, and the other in a month.

The barber shop building has been divided into two buildings, and workmen are now putting finishing touches on them. The Sanitary Barber Shop will occupy one building, the local OPA office the other, and a beauty shop will have the second floor.

A new two-story brick building is being built across from Smith's Drug Store, and plans are to have this ready for occupancy within 30 days. The U. S. Employment Service will occupy the first floor, and Dr. N. M. Medford will have his suite of offices on the second.

Both buildings are modern throughout, with individual steam heating plants.

Unpaid Taxes To Be Advertised First Of August

All property in Haywood county on which 1944 taxes have not been paid will be advertised for sale during the first week in August, according to Earl Ferguson, county tax collector.

If the taxes are not paid by September, the property in such instances will be sold the first Monday in that month at the court house to the highest bidder.

"I am urging all delinquent taxpayers to come to my office in the court house and pay their taxes by August 1," said Mr. Ferguson yesterday.

The number of delinquent taxpayers this year is about the same as that of the past year which was smaller than in many previous years, it was learned from Mr. Ferguson, who is anxious to clear up the record for the current year.

State Apple Crop Hits Low Mark

The 1945 State commercial apple crop is estimated by the State Department of Agriculture at only 315,000 bushels—less than one-fifth of last year's production of 1,782,000 bushels, and even smaller than the poor crop grown in 1934.

The crop in the mountain sections, however, is exceptionally spotted and generally exceedingly light.

Baptist Men To Meet Monday Night At 7:30

The men of the First Baptist church will meet Monday night at 7:30 for a supper meeting to discuss some business matters of the church.

The meeting has been called by J. C. Patrick, chairman of the board of deacons.

\$8,623 In Fines Collected By Mayor's Court During Past Year; 560 Arrested

Waynesville police arrested 560 people during the past year, according to records just compiled by G. C. Ferguson, town manager. The mayor's court collected \$8,623.30 in fines during the year, the report showed.

It was estimated that 90 per cent of those arrested were charged with being drunk, while the remaining 10 per cent was for the "usual run" of police court charges. Most of those arrested paid the costs, and in instances where they could not pay, they were sent to the roads.

The school fund received \$1,330.80, which represented the fines collected, and the remaining \$5,949.70 went into the general fund of the town.

The report reveals there were fewer arrests during the past year

Washington Judge Heard By Rotarians

Judge J. Littleton, of the court of claims of Washington, discussed the work of the court at Rotary last Friday. He was presented by Dr. Frank S. Love, of Lake Junaluska, where Judge Littleton is staying.

Brothers Die in China

Two brothers recently received by relatives here, were killed in China.

The men were Captain J. C. Carey and Captain J. H. Carey, sons of Mr. J. C. Carey, of Hartford, Conn. Carey is the former congressman and Mrs. Carey is the daughter of Congressman and Mrs. J. H. Carey of Waynesville.

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