

ANNUAL RED CROSS ROLL CALL DRIVE BEING MADE IN ALLEGHANY COUNTY

LOCAL SIDE - GLANCES

Birth—Mr. and Mrs. Hurst Bennett announce the birth of a son Monday, Nov. 20th.

Attends Convention—Rev. J. L. Underwood attended the State Baptist Convention in Greensboro last week. He returned to Sparta Friday.

Excuse Me—We note that Smith's Store wants a pure bred wild cat alive. We know nothing about the feline population of Alleghany, but our guess is that they could find several "blind tigers" for every wild cat.

Death—Dewey Sturdivant drove his ambulance to Washington, D. C., last Thursday to bring back the body of Herman Staley, who was killed in an automobile wreck there. The body was carried to the home of the deceased near Wilkesboro.

Zip—Jimmy Wedell has the air speed record for land planes, and so far as we know, Sturdivant has the ambulance speed from Sparta to Washington and return. He made the entire trip, a distance of 835 miles in 15 hours and 20 minutes.

Improved—Edwin Duncan, who has been in a Statesville hospital for two weeks, is improving slowly. He expects to come home within another week. The bones in the crushed arm were set last Sunday.

Beat this—Alvin C. Edwards, of Whitehead, has a large hornet's nest, which he believes to be the largest in the county. Alvin doesn't say how large the nest is, but if he will get all of the hornets out of it, he is welcome to exhibit it in the Times' office. Any of you fellows having a larger nest are entitled to the same privilege.

Hamburgers, Extra—Uncle Sam's pig meat arrived Tuesday and will be distributed by the relief office in the usual manner. Now, if Uncle Sam would just give some turnips to boil with the pork—yum-yum—some fellows have all the luck, anyway.

Hurray! State Engineers in town to survey the road from Twin Oaks to Roaring Gap. Expect to eliminate many curves and make road broader. We hope they will begin moving dirt soon—then we will know that we will have a standard width highway. Been hoping to see the work started all the summer.

A Stitch in time—There are two cases of diphtheria in the McMillan school. Miss Fowler has vaccinated the school children since these cases were reported.

Applesauce—The apple house and woodshed at Duke Bledsoe's place in Sparta were destroyed by fire of unknown origin late Sunday afternoon. The dwelling is occupied by Mrs. Guy Duncan.

Oh, Well—Did you know that Badwater is a town in Wyoming; that Bad Axe is a town in Michigan; that Beehive is a town in Montana; Bumble Bee is a town in Arizona; that (Please Turn To Page 4.)

EVERY COUNTY ASKED FOR MINIMUM 6 PROJECTS

Washington, Nov. 21—As part of the plan to put 4,000,000 men now on part-time relief work on full time, under the new Civil Works Administration, every State highway commission has been urged to find a minimum of 6 road projects in each of the 3,000 counties in the country on which road maintenance expenditures of not more than \$5,000 each can be made promptly. If fully realized, this would mean some 18,000 projects involving potential outlay of \$90,000,000. The cost is to be advanced in the proportion of 65 per cent from Federal relief funds and 35 per cent from Federal road aid to States. Highway Commissions were asked to list immediately projects available in unemployed areas. The new Civil Works Administration is conducted by the Federal Emergency Relief Administrator, with the same office force. President Roosevelt set apart for it \$400,000,000 from the public works fund to hasten full-time employment of present part-time workers now on relief rolls, with the purpose of making them self-sustaining. Meanwhile the road improvement plan is one of many to start the 4,000,000 to work and to remove them and their dependents from relief rolls.

CHURCH NEWS

Regular services will be held at Laurel Springs Baptist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. It is the sincere hope that a large number of the membership will be present at this service.

The pastor will also preach at the Baptist church in Sparta Sunday night at 7:30. This, in all probability, will be the last message on the field here. The pastor plans to move to his new work at Hayesville at an early date.

The executive committee of the Alleghany Chapter of the American National Red Cross held a meeting in the relief office in Sparta Tuesday morning. Mrs. T. W. Sprinkle, national representative of the Red Cross was present at the meeting and offered suggestions for the annual Red Cross roll call in the county.

At this meeting C. W. Erwin, county chairman of the Red Cross for several years, and C. J. Carson, county treasurer for the past 16 years, submitted their resignations. Both of these men have served well, and it was with reluctance that the group accepted their resignations. Both were given a vote of thanks for their past services.

New officers elected are as follows: Erwin D. Stephens, county chairman; Dalton Warren, vice-chairman; Miss Marie Wagoner, treasurer; Mrs. C. A. Reeves, chairman roll call committee; Miss Betty Fowler, chairman production committee; R. F. Crouse, home service chairman.

A partial list of the roll call committee follows: Ipez Parsons, Piney Creek; Charles R. Roe, Sparta; C. W. Russell, rural churches; Mrs. Ed Miller, Laurel Springs. Other members of the committee for various communities will be appointed later.

Last year Alleghany had 69 members. Our quota this year is 150 members. It is hoped that citizens of the county will respond immediately to the annual roll call. The membership fee is one dollar, 50 cents of which goes to the National Red Cross and the remainder is used in the county. The Red Cross has contributed a great deal more to Alleghany County than the county has contributed to the Red Cross. Last year citizens of the county contributed \$34.50 to the National Red Cross, and the National Red Cross contributed over \$2500 in food and clothing to people in the county.

The Red Cross stands ready at all times to help in emergencies. As a result of a storm on the coast some time ago hundreds of people in eastern North Carolina were homeless. The Red Cross responded to an urgent call for aid and rebuilt and repaired 400 homes, clothed and fed 1750 families, and spent \$45,000 among the stricken people. Last year in the United States the Red Cross cared for people in 97 big disasters.

Last year the teachers of the county joined 100 per cent. It is hoped that persons who get employment with the Civil Works Administration will respond with memberships. Join Now! Join for humanity's sake!

Rev. C. W. Russell Returns To The Sparta Charge

The Western North Carolina Conference, which has been in session in the First Methodist Church in Charlotte since Wednesday of last week, finished its work Monday and adjourned sine die, with the reading of the appointments of the preachers to their fields of labor for the new conference year. Rev. C. W. Russell returns to the Sparta charge and Rev. J. C. Swain to Laurel Springs. The appointments for the Mt. Airy District are as follows:

Presiding Elder, A. C. Gibbs. Ararat, G. B. Gwyn, supply. Boone, J. H. Brendall, Jr. Creston, A. G. Lackey. Danbury, J. B. Needham. Dobson, J. O. Cox. Draper, T. B. Johnson. Elkin, E. W. Fox. Helton, G. R. Stafford. Jefferson, J. E. B. Houser. Jonesville, R. H. Kinnington. Laurel Springs, J. C. Swain. Leaksville, R. O. Tuttle. Madison, E. E. Williamson. Moravian Falls, W. H. Benfield. Mount Airy, Central, J. T. Mangum; Rockford Street, R. G. Tuttle Jr. Mount Airy Circuit, R. E. Ward. North Wilkesboro, J. H. Armbrust. Pilot Mountain, A. L. Latham. Rural Hall, C. M. McKinney. Sandy Ridge, J. M. Green. Sparta, C. W. Russell. Spray, A. C. Wagoner. Stoneville-Mayodan, J. W. Campbell. Todd, P. L. Smith. Walnut Cove, J. B. Fitzgerald. Warrensville, T. H. Houck. Watauga, G. C. Graham. Wilkesboro, Seymour Taylor. Yadkinville, I. L. Sharp. Professor Appalachian Teachers' College, J. M. Downum.

Thanksgiving Celebration To Be Staged At Whitehead

A Thanksgiving service and celebration of the great victory of the Dry Forces of the township and State will be held at Liberty church at Whitehead Thursday, November 30 at 1:30 P. M. Preachers and speakers from different sections of the county have agreed to be present and take a part in the service. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Sec. Ickes Approves Proposed Highway

Expect New Road To Pass Trough Alleghany

The proposed scenic, mountain-crest highway between the Shenandoah and the Great Smoky Mountain national parks was approved by Secretary Ickes, the public works administrator, last week. Approximately 100 miles of this 400-mile parkway has been surveyed in Virginia and work there will begin soon, in all probability. Nothing definite is known as to what sections the remainder of the highway will traverse. Some think it will come down by Wytheville, Independence, and Twin Oaks, and thence south to the Smoky Mountains. Others think that it will not follow any roads already built, but will be a new road entirely. If it follows the crest of the Blue Ridge closely, it will probably come down by Low Gap, Roaring Gap, and thence southwest by Laurel Springs to the Smokies. However, all ideas as to the location of the right-of-way are pure conjectures as yet. Nothing definite will be known till surveys have been made. Tennessee will probably put up a great fight for the road to come within her borders part of the way.

Delegations from Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee discussed the matter with Secretary Ickes in Washington the latter part of last week. After a conference with the delegation, Ickes smilingly said an immediate survey had been ordered but that the public works board had not acted on the proposal.

However, Senator Byrd and others were emphatic that Ickes assured them "whatever it takes" of public works funds would be supplied for the project. Ickes also said the matter up with President Roosevelt and approval was considered in informal quarters to be tantamount to approval by the board he heads.

Prior to Byrd's announcement, a conference was held in Secretary Ickes' office at which Governor Peck of Virginia and McAlister, of Tennessee, and Senators Bailey and Reynolds, of North Carolina, on behalf of Governor Ehringhaus, pledged the three states to furnish the necessary rights of way and surveys.

Also attending the conference were Representatives Doughton and Weaver, of North Carolina.

At a later conference in Senator Bailey's office, North Carolinians interested in the proposed park-to-park scenic highway named a committee to represent their state in negotiations with the federal government and Virginia and Tennessee authorities on the route the road shall follow and matters pertaining to its construction.

Members of this committee are Senators Bailey and Reynolds and Representative Doughton, Governor Ehringhaus appointed them some time ago to represent the State and they agreed to continue.

Under consideration is a plan to secure a 200-foot right-of-way, to be put under the federal park service, and to build a road 32 feet wide.

Follow Mountain Crest.

Although the route is undecided Doughton said it would follow as near as practicable the crest of the Blue Ridge mountains. He expressed belief there would be little trouble obtaining the right of way and displayed a letter from J. K. McKnight and I. M. Woodruff, of Galax, Va., saying they would be glad to donate the right-of-way through a 559-acre tract they own along the Blue Ridge crest west of Fisher's Peak near the North Carolina-Virginia line.

Those at the conference in Senator Bailey's office included R. L. Gwyn, of Lenoir, secretary of the committee named by Governor Ehringhaus to represent the State in the negotiations; J. Q. Gilkey, of Marion, chairman of the committee, and Charles Ross, general counsel to the North Carolina highway commission.

Byrd said work might begin on the project in Virginia immediately since 100 miles of the route already has been surveyed.

State Will Cooperate, Jeffers Announces.

North Carolina, through the State Highway and Public Works Commission, will cooperate fully in the parkway project, E. B. Jeffers, Chairman of the Commission, said yesterday.

Scout trips over the proposed route of the parkway and detailed study of maps of that section of the country will be started at once. As soon as the definite route is announced, the commission will begin work on securing the right of way and on surveying the route.

Mr. Jeffers said he understood the parkway would follow the ridge of the Blue Ridge mountains from Virginia down into North Carolina and then over into Tennessee.

Charles Ross, General Counsel to the Commission, and State Senator Charles Whedbee, a member of the Commission, attended the conference in Washington Thursday.

The route which apparently had the most support among the North Carolina delegation is as follows: Cross the North Carolina line near Sparta, passing Roaring Gap, Boone, Blowing Rock, Linville Falls, Alta Pass, Little Switzerland, Buck Creek Park, Mt. Mitchell, the Craggies, Asheville and then to the park.

Variations Proposed.

A number of variations of the route are proposed. As an example Representative Frank Hancock has been asked to urge that the route follow the Blue Ridge crest skirting Mt. Airy. Members of the Tennessee delegation are understood to favor a route following closely the Tennessee and North Carolina line. Such a route would miss a large section of Western North Carolina which is considered essential to a scenic drive through the state. In selecting a route the National Park Service will be interested only in scenery and with this the dominating factor there is little doubt but that the park-to-park highway will take in most if not all the points listed above.

To Spend \$16,000,000

The public works administration will grant a fund with which to make a preliminary survey of the road. After this is done the PWA is expected to formally approve an allocation of \$16,000,000 with which to construct the highway.

A. E. DeMaray, assistant director of the National Park Service, said this afternoon that his office is ready to begin preliminary work on surveying a route and will proceed just as soon as written instructions are received from Secretary Ickes. He said the park service will cooperate with the bureau of public works and the highway departments of the three interested states and no time will be lost in getting the work under way.

178 Men To Receive Employment In County

COUNTRY CAN PAY MOUNTING DEBTS DECLARES TUGWELL

The Country Can Pay Them, Declares Professor Raymond Tugwell.

New York, Nov. 17—How is the administration planning to pay the terrific debt which is being incurred for the recovery program?

Prof. Rexford G. Tugwell, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, answers this question today in a statement published in the American Magazine. A \$10,000,000,000 recovery debt can easily be repaid in three years, he says—if the program works.

With a per cent revival in business, Professor Tugwell figures that the Federal income should reach five billions a year. "Assume," he says, "that our revenues in the first year of recovery were four billions, in the second year six billions, and in the third year eight billions. Assume also that ordinary expenses continue at about two and a half billions. In the first year, then, we should pay off one and a half billions, in the second year three and a half billions, and in the third year five and a half billions. The recovery debt would be paid in three years, with half a billion dollars to spare."

He goes into further details as to what results he expects from the National Recovery Act.

"The national income for 1928 was \$22 billion, and the income tax yielded 2.2 billion. Let us assume, on the present state of progress, that the recovery measures will bring us back 50 per cent toward the prosperity of 1928—and do this within a year. The national income, then, should increase from 40 billions to 60 billions for 1934, and the income tax yield should rise from 76 millions to 1.1 billion. Actually, when our income was 60 billions, in 1931, the income tax yielded 1.9 billion. We ought to be able to count on this much, and it is a substantial answer to those who profess so many fears at present.

"In addition, immense revenue is expected from liquors, with the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, and from increased customs duties as international trade revives. It would not be extravagant to expect that, with a 50 per cent revival, our total revenues might be five billions for the year.

"Figures like these are conjectural. No one can predict the percentage of recovery to be expected during any given period. But, assuming that the program produces substantial results, such an outcome is not at all fantastic. Our national income fell from \$22 to 60 billions in two years, and to 40 billions in three years. The fact that it was once as high as \$22 billion means that we have the resources, the factories, and the manpower to produce that much. We have capacities we are not using. These are not lost. All we need is the courage and the intelligence to put them to work. And if we fell off 40 billions in three years perhaps we can get back in the same time.

"The recovery plan is one way to get back to prosperity. If it costs 10 billions over three years to set us on a basis of 80 instead of 40 billions of income a year, our effort will have cost us comparatively little. We shall have spent an average of 3.3 billions a year to gain 40. If you think about the country instead of any individual sacrifice which may be involved, this is worth working for heart and soul.

"It is a national effort. Government cannot do it alone. No few industrialists can help enough. The whole country has to go along. If it does, we shall get back to the 80-billion days in short order. And we shall pay the costs without particular pain to any one."

creases, we have Jackson county with 126 families in destitute circumstances in September, reduced the number to 64, or less than half, during October. Sampson county, with 434 in September, had only 194 in October, a reduction of 55 per cent. Jones county supported 310 families from public relief funds in September, but reduced the number to 157, the October load being only 51 per cent of that for September.

A study of the figures reveals the fact that the counties with outstanding increases or decreases in families on relief from September to October, are by no means confined to any particular section of the State, but to the contrary, they may be found in the east, in the west, or in the Piedmont section.

The total number of families aided in Alleghany during October were 221 as compared with 179 in September.

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Seven Work Projects Sent To Raleigh For State Approval

With 14,000 unemployed, who have been on the relief rolls at 30 cents an hour and less, automatically transferred Monday to the rolls of the Civil Works Administration at wages ranging from 45 cents to \$1.10 an hour, the North Carolina agency of administration, which is headed by Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State relief director, Monday began functioning at high speed in order to place a total of 68,000 North Carolinians at work early in December.

Claude Miles, director of relief for Alleghany, and Sidney Gambill attended a State meeting of relief directors in Raleigh Saturday and reported to the county relief committee Saturday night the urgency for getting county work projects to Raleigh by Monday. A total of seven projects for the county were submitted, and it is expected that these projects will be approved and work on them started the latter part of this week. These projects are as follows:

- 1.—To beautify the court house grounds by setting out shrubbery, razing and leveling, and sowing grass. This project will give employment to 20 men for 5 days.
- 2.—25 men will be employed approximately two weeks on grading and improving the ball ground at Sparta High School.
- 3.—The road from Glade Valley by Luther Gentry's to the Surry county line will be surfaced with crushed stone. No grading will be done. This project will employ 75 men approximately six months.
- 4.—20 men will be employed two weeks in grading, surfacing, and improving the road from Highway No. 26 at Ed Hawthorne's down the New River valley to the old Nile post-office.
- 5.—25 men will be employed a month grading and surfacing the road from Piney Creek High School to the south fork of New River near W. L. Halsey's.
- 6.—20 men will be employed a month on the road from Piney Creek to Peden. This road will be graded and surfaced with crushed stone.
- 7.—20 men will be employed a month grading and surfacing the road from C. T. Edwards' to Mt. Zion by Henry William's place, there to connect with the Sparta-Jefferson Highway near Scottville.

Alleghany was allotted 178 men for employment by the Civil Works Administration. These men will be recruited from the county's unemployed. No person who now has a job will be employed on these projects. All able-bodied men on county relief will be transferred to the Civil Works Administration rolls. No more aid from the relief office will be forthcoming, according to Director Miles.

The hours of labor, wages, etc., on Civil Works projects shall be fixed in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration of Public Works as follows:

Thirty hour week, except in executive, administrative, and supervisory positions, so far as is practicable. No individuals directly employed on the Civil Works projects shall be permitted to work more than thirty hours in any one week. There are certain exceptions to this regulation. No person under sixteen years of age shall be employed on Civil Works projects. The wages to be paid range from 30 cents to \$1.10 an hour. On road projects wages will be 30 and 40 cents an hour; recreation parks, etc., 45 cents to \$1.10 an hour.

Upon receipt of instructions from Mrs. Thomas O'Berry in Raleigh, Local Civil Works Administrator C. A. Miles will notify unemployed persons and those on relief and request that they come to the office immediately to re-register for the Civil Works program.

Mr. Miles stated very emphatically that no person who gets discharged from work on any of the above projects need come to the relief office for aid. There will be no aid for such, if they are able-bodied men. All other relief cases will be handled as usual.

On November 7 the President of the United States created the Federal Civil Works Administration and appointed Harry L. Hopkins Federal Civil Works Administrator. It is expected that four million unemployed persons will be put to work by December 15.

Marriage
Ross Bateman, of Alleghany county, and Ethel Wyatt, of Wilkes county, were united in marriage at Sparta last Saturday afternoon. F. N. Rount, Justice of the Peace, officiated at the ceremony.

Mountain Counties Report Heavy Damage--Forest Fires

All day Saturday a pall of smoke from fires raging over large areas in Macon, Haywood, Transylvania, Jackson and Graham counties darkened the sky here. No fires have been reported in Alleghany, but with the forests filled with dry leaves there is danger should any hunter carelessly fling away lighted matches or cigarettes.

In Jackson and neighboring counties there was little hope early in the week for rain to aid the hundreds of volunteer fire-fighters waging a desperate battle to check the spread of fires eating their ways through virgin timberlands.

With 20,000 acres of timberland a picture of devastation, conservative estimates of the damage in Jackson county alone were placed at \$800,000. Twelve new fires broke out in the county Monday. The wind which for the past few days had hampered fire-fighters, died down somewhat in the afternoon.

Volunteers were being called for on all sides, and men and women fought side by side in efforts to stem the onrushing walls of flame.

The watershed of the Western Carolina Teachers College was in danger as fire broke out on the boundary and students and faculty fought back the licking flames which had approached the very edge of the property. Water there was low and if the watershed burns over, the college will be without water.

Three miners were forced to fire around their cabins as blazes closed in on them in the High Fork Balsams, and two men cutting wood on the Savannah Mountain near Cullowhee were trapped by walls of flame that rapidly closed in on them. The two escaped through a small opening in the flame, however.

A sheet of fire on a five-mile front raged from Panther Knob to the Macon County line, destroying thousands of dollars of valuable timber.

A small fire on Roaring Gap mountain Friday was reported under control Saturday.

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A DIRECT APPEAL TO YOU

The Annual Red Cross Roll Call drive is on in Alleghany. Prof. C. W. Ervin, of Glade Valley High School, has the distinction of being the first person in the county to enroll for 1934.

Within a few days workers in each community will canvas for memberships. Our Quota is 150. Let's get that number by Thanksgiving! What we give comes back home accompanied by a great deal more. When the roll call is over, will your name be among those who joined? Will you be able to say, "I did my part"? In the true spirit of Thanksgiving join the RED CROSS! JOIN TO-DAY!

SAMUEL DAVIS, JR.

Samuel L. Davis, Jr., scion of one of the older families in High Point, died Monday morning at 3:30 o'clock, from an attack of pneumonia which developed Sunday, after an illness since Thursday. Death of the well known young man came as a shock to the community in which he had lived all his life.

Mr. Davis was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Davis, his father was a pioneer furniture manufacturer in High Point. The son inherited his father's businesses and was active in their operation until his recent illness. He was for 10 years vice president of the Southern Chair Company, and on his father's death became secretary-treasurer and general manager of that business.

In 1929 he was married to Miss Mabel Doughton, of Sparta, who survives.

The funeral was conducted from the home Tuesday morning at 11:00 o'clock by Rev. G. Ray Jordan, and interment was made in the family plot in Oakwood Memorial Park.

Dr. Doughton, of Sparta, and Mrs. Harrell, of Elkin, attended the funeral of Mr. Davis, who was a son-in-law of Dr. Doughton.

Number of Families on Relief In N. C. Shows Increase

Raleigh Nov. 21—The total number of North Carolina families receiving aid from public relief funds during October shows a slight increase over September, according to figures released today by the Emergency Relief Administrator's office in Raleigh. There were 52,262 families aided in October as compared to 50,557 families aided in September, an increase of slightly more than three per cent.

In spite of the fact, however, that there was a State-wide increase of destitute families during the month of October, this increase was by no means uniform throughout the one hundred counties. Many counties showing a much higher increase than the State average while many others reported a marked decline in the number of families unable to support themselves. Hertford county, for instance, aided 200 families in September and 412 families in October, an increase of more than 100 per cent. Macon county with 64 families in September reported 139 in October, an increase of 117 per cent. Wilkes county, also, during October more than doubled its September case load.

In contrast to the outstanding in-