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HOW WE BUILD AND PAY

Charlotte Observer.

It will be but a short time nowwhen the egislature meets in January-that the Observer can flaunt North Carolina in the face of pouty old Georgia as the "\$100,000,000 00 Good roads state." How do we do it? Why, in the first place by an efficient organization of highway people, of the best business talent from the State, and an efficiently organized and economical automobile department. likewise composed of men of the finest business qualifications. Men of big business affairs have been voluntarily drafted into the state's good read organizations and these men, by their works, have justified the faith of the people. Resultful application of the state's money in highway construction and maintenance tells the story. The State has now about spent the quota of \$ 5,000 000 which was provided by bond issue voted by the Legislature and is reaching out for \$35,0000.00 more with which to complete the system. The state would be in an uproar if the Legislature should fail in that obligation, for completion of the system is an obligation regarded by the people as their due. This domand is asked on the unquestioned competency of high way management and upon the excellent working of the muchinery placed in the hands of Secretary of state Everet: for developing the funds to ]

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By Arthur Brisbane

# FOR PRESIDENT COOLIDGE. AND THOSE THAT PAY. 2,000 FIGHTING PLANES. FOR ONE DREADNAUGHT.

President Coolidge receiled Secretary Wilbur, of the Navy, to Washington to discuss with htm "the relative value of battleships and flying machines in war." This means, of course, that the President will LISTEN to others, and TAKE COUNSEL with him-calf. It means that with all bin-

and these rot intend to keep this country among the backward nations, as regards real preparation.

Facts alone will influence the President, and they are not lack-

President, and they are not lack-ing. For instance: One battleship of dreadmaught class cost forty-five million dol-lars. For that sum the nation could build and mobolize TWO THOUSAND FIGHTING AIR-PLANES. Does the President or any other same man ask what chance a battleship would have against 2,000 fighting air machines dropping TNT from the clouds ?

The French have come through a real war, with invasion to the very gates of Paris, millions killed, other millions wounded. THEY very gates of Paris, millions killed, other millione wounded THEY know something about fighting. What has France done to prepare against danger across her border ? France has a first line of air defense, consisting of two thou-rand fighting air machines, with a reserve of two thousand more. And that fighting French air fleet is what makes England, with all her lumbering battleships, cruisers, etc., "the world's great-est battle fleet," so pitfully polite to France. She will continue to be polite until she can dominate in the sir, as she used to dominate the sea.

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fiscal year 1022-25. The remaining 37.253.375.75 was paid over to the Propagator during the fiscal year 1923 sermon here. Sunday afternaon, A. 21 with the exception of \$670.40, pay for the work. It is an illuminating but oncess. The operation 30, 1924 during the year ending June 30, 1924 and checks. The operating expenses and hope he can return often, It was the expectation when the was \$211,138,08 for uncomobile II Blowing Rock visited his sister Mrs. to aid us. If you stand on the moanstate highway work was inaugurated course and pusoline tax, and \$102. that the best the state could none 123.59 for the theft fund which infor would be the meeting of interest cluded cost of number pintes, poson the bonds. The matter of reducing the principal was regarice as an ac-complishment of the distant furge, by as the unified state furge, derived the which the depart-tion of the distant furge, by as the unified state furge, derived the approximation of the distant furge, derived the approximation of the distant furge, by as the unified state furge, derived the approximation of the distant furge, derived the approximation of the distant furge, by as the unified state furge, derived the approximation of the distant furge, by as the unified state furge, derived the approximation of the distant furge, by as the unified state furge, derived the approximation of the distant furge, by as the unified state furge, derived the approximation of the distant furge, by as the unified state furge, derived the approximation of the distant furge, by as the unified state furge, derived the approximation of the distant furge, by as the unified state furge, derived the approximation of the distant furge, by as the unified state furge, derived the approximation of the distant furge, by as the unified state furge, derived the approximation of the distant furge, by as the unified state furge, derived the approximation of the distant furge, by a state of the distant furge, derived the approximation of the distant furge, by a state of the distant furge, derived the approximation of the distant furge, by a state of the distant furge, derived the approximation of the distant furge, by a state of the distant furge, derived the distant furge, by a state of the distant furge, derived the distant furge, by a state of the distant furge, derived the distant furge, by a state of the d It was the "millione" the state was tying around the neck of posterity of the state was But within three years the state has gaspline tax was I ad per cent of the She took in the pioneer show "the retired \$1,500,000 in road bonds and revenue collected while the total cost Covered Wagon." It was grand. retired \$1,500,000 in road bonds and will within the week some another \$1,000,000, thus taking up an issue of \$2,500,000 of bonds before fre-be advanced to the revenue col-structure of the road sector of the revenue col-be advanced position of \$2,500,000 of bonds before fre-be advanced to the revenue col-be advanced position of \$2,500,000 of bonds before fre-be advanced and to paid to paid the advanced position of \$2,500,000 of bonds before fre-be advanced and to paid to paid the advanced and the paid the advanced advanced and the paid the advanced adva ink on the paper is thoroughly dried. from revenue received, and no part A favorue expression among some of the general fund of the start is

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THE WATAUGA DEMOCRAT-EVERY THURSDAY-BOONE, N. C.

We continue spealing millions on big gues to manufation for practice. They also till soon be classed an g museum curiosi-ties, used to take a load noise in the Presi child salute, or tickle the vanity of some admiral return-nig to his ship.

A sixteen-inch, gun costs as much as two fighting airships. It lasts only long enough to fire one hundred and twenty shots. Then it is burnt-out scrap iron. The life of a fighting plane, costing half as much as a single big gun, is equal to that of an ordinary forty-five million dreadmarght.

Mr. W. J. Davis, of San Diego, carnest advocate of air defense, says truly, "The nation foremost in the air will win the next wor at the drop of the bomb, and be-fore the world wakes up the next morning and the fumes of phos-phorus or of bombs of some other kind, if it does wake up at all, the war will have been won."

Battleships, besides being obso-lete, are frightfully expensive, scon out of date, worthless in peace. Flying machines, enough of them to make this nation safe against attack by sea or land, could be built without burdensome taxation, kept up with slight ex-pense, and they would pay their way in peace, twice over, in the mail service, and in spying out forest fires. forest fires.

Before this country faces a new war-it won't come, while they are all borrowing from us-the range of fliers and submarines will be as great as that of any floating vessel. The submarines will go as fast as any cruiser and the fliers, of course, twenty times as fast as any fighting ship afloat.

These suggestions are submitted to the President, who will decide what shall be done, and to the people of this country. They will pay the bills in money, which is not important, and in blood, which is important, if a fatal mistake be made in our plans of defense. What you read here is printed in several hundred daily news-papers, including the Harald of Washington, D. C., where those in office may ase it, and in several thousand weekly newspapers, read in millions of country homes.

FOSCOE GLEANINGS The Rev. Woosley preached a fice pleased to have nim with us

Mr. Grover Walters and family of J. D. Coffey, Sunday.

Mrs. Walters made a trip tay some friends.

ing the right thing in trying to build up Deep Gap. I hope he can get all the cheatnuts he wants," Hope they will help him advertise the place. We don't think we need anything more char the mean Grandfather Mountains tain you may see the sun shining Mr. N. F. Church and Miss Vugin- long after it is dark in the value, in Colley cloud Sunday in Ziowille. Try to live up high, Let your whole

> Mrs. Walters is planning a trip to Hopewell church next Sunday with





I motored out to Easyville a day or two ago. . . I'd heard some tales about 'em that day

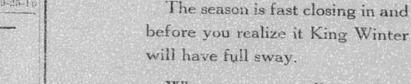
I didn't think was so. I used to live at Eanyville—she half-way mothered me,—so, when they told me she was dead, see I, "I'll go an' see." She didn't have no fever, and har musa was runnin' low 

with a wooden race was setun in the bank. . I may be wrong about it, but I've got this much to say: I couldn't stand re-hearsin' for a funeral everyday!

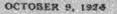




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# Prepare Your Roofs

a mile for maintenance of the high- the state grows oil how it build way and to hquidance all overhead er, good roads without making the pen es of the highway department, to he may may taxes for them Also of bonds.

That was the record for 1922. The developing business of the department indicated even a better record for 1924-25. This expectation is being realized as indicated by the fact that \$1,000.000 additional bonds are to be raised immediately The outlook this year is for development of inrge- ted this week preparatory to our ly increased revenues from licenses and gasoline sales, for the state is not near the limit. An illustration in "ratio" might be given. The total boro is to be with us in our meeting. revenues from registrations and trans vassing committee Monday night The \$3,975,658.87. The revenues from Sunday in this month. gasoline taxes from May 1, 1921 to June 30, 1922 were \$838,724.57. For the year ending June 30, 1924 the gasoline tax produced \$3,979,855.40. Up to that date the total collections from automobiles and gasoline taxes total collections of the department from all sources to \$20,038,109.45.

The records further show that for to the State Treasurer in June of the mers here.

### BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10 a. m. W. R. Gragg, Superintendent.

Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m.

Prayer services are being conducmeeting which begins Monday night. Rev. W. L. Griggs, pastor of the First Buptist church of North Wilkes vember 30, 1912 were \$11,181. The revenues from the same source from June 30, 1923 to June 30, 1924 were Spring 20, 1923 to June 30, 1924 were

We extend a hearty welcome to all

# FORMER WATAUGAN DIES IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

A mesage from Paris, Texas bears amounted to \$19,913,867.73, and the the sad intelligence of the death of our former county man Holland F. Hodges on last Friday. Mr. Hodges was born and reared near Boone leathe registration year ended June 30, ving here some forty years ago for 1924 there was collected by the automobile department the sum of \$8,- prospered financially. He is a brother 077,566.38. Of this amount \$824,- of Mrs. J. C. Ray of Horton and Mr. 192.61 was collected and paid over R. R. Hodges who spends his sum-

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