

WHY GOOD ROADS PAY

MAKE LAND VALUABLE AND CREATE HIGH AVERAGE INTELLIGENCE.

Striking instances of importance of having improved highways told by an Arkansas man—serious effect of bad road tax on farmers.

At the recent convention of the Arkansas Good Roads Association held at Fort Smith, H. E. Kelley, speaking to the Good Roads Magazine, spoke on "Good Roads—Why They Pay," saying in part as follows:

"Roads are the foundation of civilization. They form the means of communication between people, and there is no better index of the intelligence of any community than its roads. Good roads pay. They make high land values, and in time they create high average intelligence in the country through which they are built. Perhaps no better example of this can be found than in New Zealand, where the general government undertakes the building and care of all roads—the railroads as well as the wagon roads. The country of New Zealand is much like that of Arkansas, but the government adopted a development policy which is very effective and highly profitable. One of the main lines of business conducted by the government of New Zealand is in real estate. It acquires by purchase or condemnation large tracts of land. The first thing in the way of development was a highway built through the property. Along this the government sells out to settlers on long time and easy payments land in suitable sizes for farms and homes. The settlers on this land are first given employment by working on the roads. After the roads are in good condition the population comes quite rapidly, and it is astonishing what that government is accomplishing in spreading its people out on the soil. There is no congestion of the population in cities. Each citizen is encouraged to get a home of as many acres of land as he can take care of, and the result is a population whose general intelligence and comfort are greater than I have seen elsewhere.

"That good roads pay is a generally conceded fact, and it has seemed strange to me that an argument on this subject should be desired. A visit to any of the rural districts of Arkansas is convincing proof that an argument is required, for the good roads are not there, and I cannot conceive of a greater contrast than that which the squalor, poverty and ignorance displayed in our rural districts make with the intelligence, cleanliness and comfort one sees in a New Zealand rural district. I think this difference is more due to the roads than to any other cause. Whether the lack of roads breeds ignorance or whether the ignorance breeds the bad roads is a subject I will not undertake to discuss. At any rate, both exist to such an extent in our state that our first patriotic duty is to either dispel the ignorance in procuring the roads or procuring the roads to dispel the ignorance.

"I recently purchased a piece of land near Fort Smith post which ran two good roads recently built. This land was timbered, but the timber had been rated an insurance on the land. In fact, it hadn't been profitable to steal it and haul it to town, which fact probably accounts for its still being there. I had a lot of this timber cut and put a rather intelligent person looking for a disposal of it. Some time later I was surprised when he told me that it was sold at a net price, after paying for the hauling, which would more than pay for clearing the land. On looking into this I found that the good roads made it possible to haul a cord or more at a load of this wood to market and make about four loads a day, whereas before the good roads were built two loads of one-half cord each were all that one team could do. It cost \$3 a cord to haul this wood before the good roads were built and 75 cents a cord afterward. In other words, the wood was worth \$2.25 per cord after the roads were put in, while it was absolutely worthless before. I find that the difference in the cost of hauling a ton of hay to market before and after the good roads for a distance of seven miles is about \$2. One of my farm teams over the bad roads will bring a ton of hay to town in a day. Over the good roads they will bring three tons, so the product of a meadow of 100 acres is worth about \$300 more with a good road to it at seven miles from town than it is with a bad road. Before this good road was built the meadow was worth \$10 per acre. Since it is built \$30 seems a reasonable price for it.

"I have found by actual experience that the tax the farmers are paying which keeps them poverty stricken is that imposed by bad roads. For many years I tried earnestly to locate an industrious class of farmers in this country. On different occasions I did succeed in getting several such colonies started. None of them remain. Usually they were a hardy class of Germans such as settled the prairies and states to the north and west of us. One by one they would sell out and go back to the prairie country. On close questioning I would find that the lack of roads and schools was so great these people wouldn't stay. The country they came from had a tax three times as large as ours. In fact, many of the school districts in Kansas where they had lived levied a school tax much greater than our total tax, and it was not unusual for the total tax to be 5 per cent in the counties from which these German settlers came. They would try it a year or two in our country of bad roads and low taxes, then sell out and return to the 5 per cent tax rate.

"Good city streets may just as well as good country roads, and it is almost impossible to have a clean, healthy, wholesome town without good streets. We in Fort Smith have had a notable example of how good streets pay."

ASHEBORO GRADED SCHOOL.

Progress of School—Honor Roll for Third Month of Fall Term.

At the close of the third month the enrollment in the graded school was 322. The white population of Asheboro, according to the census taken in August, is 404. Already 80 per cent of the total school population is enrolled in the school. The average enrollment in the city schools is only 55 per cent. Asheboro is 25 per cent ahead of the average. For the third month the average daily attendance was 95 per cent of the enrollment. Few, if any, towns in the State can show a better record than Asheboro.

Also it is interesting to note that the enrollment and attendance are both 50 per cent larger than in 1904-5; and 100 per cent larger than in 1902-3.

The honor roll for the different grades for the third month follows.

FIRST GRADE.

Hazel Spoon, Marjorie Mendenhall, Richard Burrow, Elsie Presnell, Warner Miller, Hazel Kivett, Howard Dickens, Ray McPherson, Earl Maxwell, Stanton Skoen, Fay Free, Carey Burrow, Grace Presnell, James Miller, Rollins Miller, Gusta Humble, Lillian Hunnacker, Lucile Ward, Etha Glasgow, Joan Brittain, Edith Betts, Colin Spoon, Ed Rogers, Pearl Way, Banks Richardson.

SECOND GRADE.

Margaret Morris, Frank Fox, Nettie Newby, Ernest Spencer, Ruth Lassiter, Joe Hendricks, Marvin Free, Ethel Presnell, Jewel Glasgow, George Betts, Ruth McPherson, Lura Jones, Fred Smith, Dewey Webster, Victoria Burrow.

THIRD GRADE.

Mabel Free, John Plummer, Fred Plummer, Byron Richardson, Kate Brittain, Mabel Spoon, Grace Ferrer, John Swain, Harvey Rogers, Cleon Spoon, Clara Presnell, Ollie Presnell, Carl Steed, Vrtle Garrison, Lula Pritchard, Cortez Norman, Jessie Ward.

FOURTH GRADE.

Gertrude Free, Lillian Hendricks, Fannie Newby, Nellie Spoon, Corrie Wall.

FIFTH GRADE.

Mildred Birkhead, Janette Dickens, Eulah Glasgow, Maude Hall, Myrtle Ridge.

SIXTH GRADE.

Hazel Cox, Earla Spoon, Allie Spoon, Knollie Presnell, May Byrd, Ethel Free, Virgie Dickens, Lizzie Winslow.

SEVENTH GRADE.

Lynette Swain, Cora Redding, Annie Fox, Bera Scarborough.

EIGHTH GRADE.

Blanche Anderson, Maude Dickens, May Dickens, Lela Hall, Lollie Jones, James Davis, Reid Hannah, Clarence Hughes, Charles Kephart, Cone Ridge.

NINTH GRADE.

Fleta Fox, Blanche Spoon, Herndon, Melitt, Daniel Sharps.

Honorable Items.

Miss Norah Blair celebrated her birthday last Friday evening, Nov. 23rd, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Blair. The invited guests, who were present were: Miss Lillie Calder, Fannie Calder, Lela Phillips, Elsie Grimes, Ada Kivett, Louis Scott, Sallie Brown, Ida Jones, Bessie Blair, Lucy Blair. The amusements of the evening were dialogues, speeches, songs, and etc. which were enjoyed by all who were present.

Long Shanks, who has reached his 64th, mile post, says he got into a very remarkable nest of old boys, one evening last week, at the Ramseur P. O. whose air names all commenced with the letter B, such as Uncle John Brady, age 86, Uncle Daniel Burgess, age 75, Uncle Murphy Burris, 68, Uncle John Bowden, age 60.

Mrs. W. P. Ragan of this place had the honor to win recognition in a contest for a short story in the Ladies' Home Journal, the subject being "The Best Way to Celebrate the Fourth of July." The conditions of the contest was that the story be not over 500 words. At a leisure moment Mrs. Ragan happened to see the offer and for a pastime wrote her views on the matter and submitted it to The Ladies' Home Journal. She thought no more of it until a week or so ago when she received a cash remittance, saying that her story would be published along others accepted the first of January. —High Point Correspondent, Charlotte Observer.

A competent teacher can get \$50.00 per month at Parks' Cross Roads by applying at once to Rankin Burgess or W. R. Craven, Ramseur, E. F. D. L.

POWER OF CHEERFULNESS.

The Way One Druggist Lightens the Burden of His Customers.

A pale, weak girl entered a downtown drug store the other day. She seemed about to collapse. The proprietor assisted her into a chair and prepared a mild stimulant for her. The druggist's manner was so sympathetic that a little later she confided to him that she suffered with her heart and feared she had not much longer to live.

"Heart disease?" inquired the druggist genially. "Why, I have heart disease myself; have had it for years. That's nothing. I don't worry myself about it. I don't look like a man with a load on his mind, do I? You probably think that you are liable to drop off any time. On the contrary, any doctor will tell you that the average person with heart disease generally lives to a good old age. The very cause that a sufferer from heart disease takes of himself or herself is calculated to lengthen the years indefinitely. You see, a man with a weak heart naturally is careful of himself a bit. He doesn't commit any excesses, never overdoes anything, lives in moderation and thus keeps his vitality unimpaired. That's all you have to do—just take care of yourself. What's the use of worrying?"

The druggist's cheerfulness was infectious, the genial interest of his talk made depression appear foolish, and the girl soon began to look more hopeful and even smiled. After the druggist had gently chatted with her awhile she rose and walked out of the store with a firm step.

This druggist, though he would scorn the idea if suggested to him, is a benefactor to humanity. He is a believer in the power of cheerfulness, and the good that he does in his peculiar way is not easy to estimate.

Not a day passes that he does not impart his dose of the cheerful life to some desponding individual. He makes all others ailments his own and points out the uselessness of worrying. A man will come in bent and suffering. Perhaps he confides to the druggist that he has kidney disease and fears his days are numbered. The druggist immediately informs him that there is no cause for alarm; he has had kidney trouble himself, he has had kidney trouble himself, he has had kidney trouble himself, and has no intention of dropping off. That druggist, in the course of a week, probably will acknowledge that he is afflicted with every ailment except household's care. He makes every complainer feel better. He fairly radiates good cheer and optimism. It is his belief that half the sufferers in the world have complaints that bright spirits will overcome. But even when they have a real disease it is his theory that a little cheerfulness doesn't hurt and that the ailment is only aggravated by constant depression. He makes it his mission in life to drive away depression and turn the thoughts of people toward brighter things. His cheerfulness is a tonic that never fails to act.—New York Press.

Test For Ready Boiled Lobsters.

Should ready boiled lobsters be purchased, test them by gently drawing back the tail, which should rebound with a spring. If the tail is not curled up and will not spring back when straightened the lobster was dead when boiled and should not be eaten. Choose the smaller lobsters that are heavy for their size, as the larger ones are apt to be coarse and tough. Lobsters weighing from one and a half to three pounds are the best in size. All parts of the lobster are wholesome and may be used, except the stomach, which is a small hard sack and contains poisonous matter and lies directly under the head, and a little vein which runs the entire length of the tail.

A Queer Wager.

There are men whose pride is in the store endurance of acute discomfort. They insist upon doing unpleasant things in order to convince themselves that they can do them. At Oxford some years ago there was an eminent Rugby football player whose passion was to discover the most uncomfortable things and then to do them. One evening a humorist suggested that—as it was January—it would be rather benially to sit in a cold tub all night long. The footballer at once offered to wager that he could sit till morning chapel time in his cold tub. And he did it.—London Chronicle.

Ease and Fluency.

When Thiers was president of the French republic, he was about to issue some important manifesto and submitted the draft to a critical friend.

"Yes," said the critic, "the matter is clearly expressed, but I miss the ease and fluency of your usual style."

"Ah," replied Thiers, "I have not worked those in yet! The ease will cost me much labor, and the fluency I shall have to drag in by the hair of its head."

Never Recovered.

"You say you are a woman hater, Mr. De Smith?" "Decidedly so," he replied. "In my youthful days a woman made a confounded fool of me, and"— "You never got over it. I understand, Mr. De Smith."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

The New Suburb.

Mrs. Suburb's (with papers) I see that the site of the garden of Eden has at last been located. Mr. Suburb—Yes! When will the sale of lots take place, and what's the fare from the city hall? —Puck.

Grant me, O Father, enough of wisdom to live well, Prosperity to live easily grant me not, as thou seest best.—Cicero.

Every salutation in the calendar is said to be provided with a fixed solution.

CONDENSED FOR BUSY READERS.

The Methodists of High Point are preparing to build a \$50,000 church.

The North Carolina Baptist Convention will meet in Greensboro next week.

Reports at the Methodist Conference at Mt. Airy recently show the membership of the churches to be 82,000, and the Sunday school 60,000.

The New London Mercantile Co's Store, in Rowan county, was robbed of \$400 and a lot of merchandise last Thursday. The store of Ritchie and Mauney, also at New London, was entered the same night and a lot of goods removed.

The case against Graham Trotter and Elmer Brim, two prominent young men, of Mt. Airy, who were charged with shooting Miss Ashley, which they claim was accidental has been compromised. Miss Ashley gets \$2,500. It is estimated that including fees and costs the case will cost the defendants \$5,000.

Coal is selling in Asheville at \$6.80 per ton and only a half-ton can be purchased at a time on account of the fuel famine.

President Roosevelt and party returned to Washington, after visiting Panama and Porto Rico, Monday night. He announces his satisfaction with the conditions and thorough enjoyment of the trip.

Saturday afternoon James Edmondson living near Guilford College, took a gun into the yard to kill a chicken. After accomplishing the mission he returned to the house and as he entered the door the gun struck the facing causing an explosion. The entire discharge struck his 17-year-old sister on the head, practically tearing off the left side.

The North Carolina Methodist Conference has accepted the offer of the Western to make annual appropriation to the Orphanage at Raleigh; the assessment is one tenth of the pastors' salaries. The orphanage property is valued at \$50,000.

Machinery has been ordered to double the capacity of the Pomona cotton mill.

Mr. W. P. Brown, superintendent of the bending mill at Siler City, was here last night, returning from Cleveland, Ohio, where he has been to attend the funeral of his wife, who has been an invalid for some time.—Greensboro Telegram.

There are two new pastors sent to this county by the M. E. Conference held in Mt. Airy. They are Rev. R. L. Melton, to the Asheboro circuit, and Rev. J. W. Ingle, to serve the Uwharrie circuit. We learn that both of these gentlemen are excellent preachers and will doubtless please their respective charges.

Will Refund Railroad Fare.

Do your trading in the live, up-to-date, growing city of Greensboro where there are dozens of large stocks from which to make your selections. Members of the Merchants' Association will refund your rail-road fare one mile both ways for every dollar spent with them. Write to Chas. R. Brockmann, Secretary, Greensboro, N. C., for full particulars.

Tuesday an employe at the saw mill of W. H. Tucker, eleven miles Southwest of Asheboro, got his hand caught in a saw, inflicting an ugly wound. Dr. Fox dressed the wound, and reports that unless complications set in, the hand, the bones of which were badly splintered, will not have to be amputated.

Three boys who were "hoboing" from their homes at Kernersville to Winston-Salem last week were caught in a freight wreck near Colfax. One was killed.

When in High Point stop at the Leonard Beavans Store Co. High Point's modern ladies store.

LAND SALE.

BY VIRTUE of an order of sale granted by the superior Court of Randolph county on the petition of J. E. McPherson et al., against Myrtle Boling et al. I shall sell at the courthouse door at 12 o'clock M. on the 20 day of December 1907, the following Real Estate, to-wit: A tract of land in Highland township in said county, adjoining the lands of Tyson Boling, Boston Trigon, and others; and bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point, thence East 21 chains and 27 links to a pine, thence South 89° 50' 00" East to a pine and post oak, thence West courses to the mouth of a small branch that enters into said way or branch thence up said branch various courses of the branch to the head thence North to a pine and sawgrass thence still north to the bearing containing 100 acres more or less.

TERMS:—One-third cash, the remaining two-thirds on a credit of six months. The purchaser giving bond and approved security therefor, and the title reserved till the further order of the court.

This 28 day of November 1907.

JOHN T. BRITAIN, Commissioner.

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Everything in style and the price and quality are our best advertisement.

Ready-to-wear garments of all kinds, Cloaks, Skirts, Dress Goods, Silks, extra length Gloves and everything in Ladies wear.

If we sell you once you are sure to come again. Mail orders given prompt attention. We pay express on amounts of \$5. and over.

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A Beautiful \$2.00 DRESSED DOLL and a Beautiful TOILET SET

AT THE ASHEBORO 5 AND 10 CENT STORE

Every child under 12 years of age gets a chance at this doll for every 50 cent purchase they make here after December 1st till December 24th, and every man, woman, boy or girl gets a chance at the toilet set for every \$1.00 purchase they make during the same time. We are going to offer some bargains that you can't afford to miss. Prices below will show you some of them.

Glassware worth 15 and 20 cents at.....	10
Glassware worth 10 cents at.....	10
Entire lot of Tinware per piece.....	10
Stationary worth 20 and 25 cent.....	10
Day books and ledgers.....	10
Tea and coffee 25 cent hour.....	10
15 and 20 cent pictures and picture frames.....	10

We are selling everything at reduced prices. Come at once before everything is picked over. We are going to have a nice lot of Christmas goods to please the children as well as the grown people.

Z. T. BIRD & SON.

WOOD & MORING.

We take pleasure in announcing the arrival of our Fall and Winter Goods. Great showing in every department. Best Styles, Best Quality and Best Prices.

Dress Goods

We have a full line Silks, Broad Cloths, Fancy Suitings for street, dinner and evening gowns. In fact we have a full line in many other goods which we can't call your attention to at this time.

Furs

We have them from \$1.00 to \$10.00 and \$15.00. Come before they are picked over. You will be surprised at what we can show you. They are selling and you will need one, so come at once and make your choice.

Ladies' Misses' and Children's Cloaks

Surely from what the ladies tell us we are headquarters for cloaks this fall. We have them in the long coats—just the style for this winter. You will find them in black, tan, castor and the light fancy colors. Prices run from \$4.00 to \$15.00.

Clothing

Did you ever hear clothing talk? If you never did just come this way. Will Coffin will be glad to explain our merits to you. He has been a busy fellow and has sold many suits already. Suits from \$10 to \$25 in stock. Black and fancy mixtures, newest patterns and styles in making.

Rain-coats from \$10 to \$17.50. Over coats from \$4 to \$20. Our goods are made by the noted Griffon People and speak for themselves. Our line of winter underwear is very full and complete.

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