

THAT \$5,000 APPROPRIATION.

What the North Carolina Geological Board Has Done For Road Building

The general assembly of 1909 passed an act appropriating \$5,000 annually to enable the North Carolina Geological Board to advise with the township and county authorities in the building and improving of the public roads, etc. This has made it possible for the Geological Survey to employ engineers who are competent road builders to take up with the various counties and townships contemplating the construction of improved roads...

Previous to the enactment of this act the work of the survey in regard to the improvement of roads was essentially of an educational nature, consisting principally of lectures and press circulars. Since, however, this appropriation was made, the survey has been able to extend the work to the actual surveying and location of new roads, and highway engineers have been able to save to many counties and townships a great deal of money by giving advice as to the location of roads and best material and methods to be used in the construction of the roads.

The educational side has been continued and broadened and many addresses have been made by the state geologist and the highway engineers in practically all the counties of the state. As a result of press circulars and road literature sent out from time to time, the road problem has become a vital issue in a great many counties, and the survey is now making a special effort to arouse interest in those counties which appear to be more or less lukewarm.

The appropriation made for this work is not nearly sufficient to enable the survey to give the assistance that is desired by the counties.

It seems to us that the work already done by the survey has demonstrated the value of the work to the counties and that the counties need and desire engineering assistance in the construction of their roads. It is now up to the General Assembly of North Carolina to decide whether this splendid work shall go on and the counties be given that assistance which they want and which will mean the saving of many hundreds of thousands of dollars to the counties and thus to the people.—Southern Road News.

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MT AIRY NEWS

\$10,000 To Be Spent On Roads Near The City—Political Matters—A New Firm.

Mount Airy, May 5.—The highway commission for Mount Airy township is getting down to work and contracts have been given to grade three of the leading public roads running out of town, the cost of same to be \$10,000. C. M. Miller, a civil engineer of Salisbury, is here to locate and survey the roads to be graded.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Matthews of Charlotte are new citizens. Mr. Matthews has bought an interest in the general merchandise store of Matthews-Jackson Company and will be the manager of the business. The new concern was recently organized taking over the store of the Farmers Union Supply Company.

Indications are that there will be a woman political campaign in Surry this year. Practically every voter in the county has paid his poll tax and will vote in the fall elections. For several years Surry has been overwhelmingly Republican but four years ago by hard work the Democrats succeeded in electing the sheriff, C. H. Haynes. Mr. Haynes duplicated the feat two years ago and along with him the Democrats also elected R. C. Lewellyn treasurer. The Republican majority on the other offices was cut down to less than an average of 50 votes. This year the Republicans are going to make strenuous efforts to regain what they have lost and the Democrats are equally determined to make further inroads.

On the Republican side T. W. Davis and U. G. Bolton are candidates for the nomination. The Sheriff's office is the best paying office in the county and besides carries the most political prestige and power.

Brown Men

Brown Mt., April 24.—The people are very much behind with their work on account of so much rain.

Those who visited at Mr. Jim T. Lee's Sunday were Misses Betty, Hossie and Bessie Stuart, Annie Martin, Nannie Pardie, Annie Hutchens, Kate, Lora and Bessie Smith, Messrs. John and Jim Martin, George Collins, Elijah Hutchens, Grover and Edgar Smith, Charlie Martin and Arthur George. A pleasant time was reported by all.

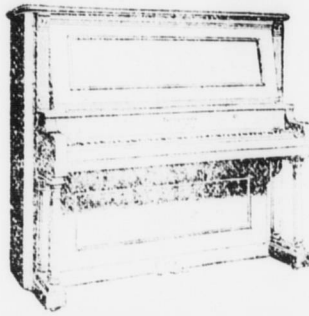
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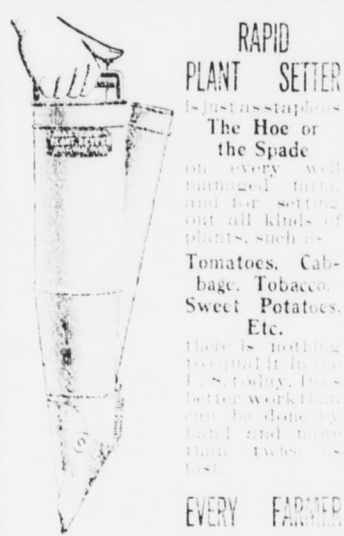
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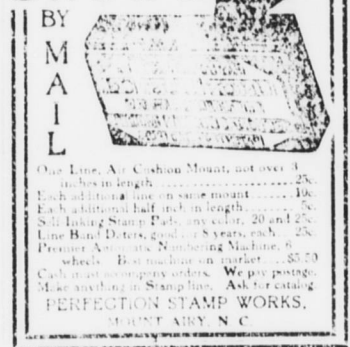
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