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## STATE SHOULD BUILD MOUNT AIRY-WINSTON HIGHWAY

### Construction Would Develop Wonderful Farming Section

#### Best Interests Demand Division of District's Funds

We are not able to understand just why the business men of Winston-Salem seem to have their eye set on the completion of the Boone Trail road rather than other roads that seem to be of vastly more importance. Just how much sentiment there is connected with the name of "Boone Trail" we are not able to say, but suspect that there is some.

The business men of Winston-Salem are supposed to have some influence with the policy of the road officials of this part of the state, and beyond question they have. No better business men live than at Winston-Salem. They are just as far seeing just as patriotic and just as unselfish as other people. That does not mean, of course, that they are able to see the needs of the country in the fullest sense every time.

For months we have had it in mind to say that it is a mistake to bend all energies to the completion of the Boone Trail when there are other roads that are vastly more important to the people.

It is common here about this town for careful men to get up before day in the busy season, when they plan to drive down to Winston-Salem, and make the start before, day thus avoiding the rush of traffic that is on the road after the public gets out. To hear the casual remarks made about the volume of traffic on the road between this town and Winston-Salem will convince anyone that it must be immense.

If the merchants of this town, the retail merchants, could vote on the subject we suspect that many would vote to make all other roads before the one from here to Winston-Salem. For it is well known that many people, now that the automobile is with us, prefer to do their trading where they have the opportunity to make selections from large stocks. Anyway there is a disposition on the part of people here and all over this section to make frequent business trips to Winston-Salem.

If the roads most used are the most important, and this must be the case, then the road from this town to Winston-Salem must be vastly more important than the Boone Trail at this stage of the development of the country. It is very well known that more than 5000 people live at this town, to say nothing of the number that live in the suburbs. Pilot Mountain is a settlement of no small proportions and the same is true of a half dozen other towns along the road from here to Winston-Salem and these people all love to run down to the big town now and then.

Of course the Boone Trail is an important road, no one is knocking the Boone Trail or in any way discounting its importance to the country. The wisdom of locating the road can not be questioned, but we are not able to make all roads this year or next year and some necessarily must wait. It seems to us that it would be a hard problem for a business man of Winston-Salem to give a good reason why the road to Mount Airy should wait until other roads are completed.

No one has a monopoly of wisdom, but it does seem that there is abundant reason why the road authorities should get busy and hard surface the road from here to Winston-Salem without any further delay.

### WINSTON JOURNAL FOR MT. AIRY ROAD

#### Says Construction of this Highway Would Develop A National Highway North

Winston-Salem Journal

A study of the map shows that the most important highway leading into Winston-Salem for the hard-surfacing of which no provision has as yet been made is the road from Mount Airy. In fact, this highway is, in many respects, more important to Winston-Salem and a large section of the Seventh District than some roads that have been or are now being hard-surfaced by State and county. We have heard that the engineer of the Seventh District gives it as his opinion, based on close observation, that there is no road in the Seventh District on which the traffic is heavier than on the forty-mile highway connecting the city of Mount Airy with the city of Winston-Salem.

But notwithstanding this, and in spite of the fact that this highway connects the two largest cities in the Seventh District, no provision has been made as yet for hard-surfacing any part of this road except the link between Mount Airy and Pilot Mountain, which is now being graded.

The next road Forsyth county and Winston-Salem should strive to complete is the Mount Airy highway. Forsyth's link of this highway extends from Winston-Salem to the Stokes county line, a short distance beyond Rural Hall. No other highway construction project should be allowed to come between Forsyth and this project.

If Forsyth builds the link to the Stokes line there will be left a sector of only about ten or eleven miles across a corner of Stokes county. With hard-surface extending from Pilot Mountain to Mount Airy and from Rural Hall to Winston-Salem, it would then clearly be the duty of the State Highway Commission and the county of Stokes to make provision for the construction of the Stokes link, in order to complete one of North Carolina's great interstate highways.

The map of Northwest North Carolina and Southwest Virginia shows that the Winston-Salem-Mount Airy road is far more than a local thoroughfare. It makes direct connection at Wytheville with the Lee Highway to Roanoke and Bristol. It taps the "Danville Pike" at Hillsville. It furnishes an outlet to North Carolina's largest city for the people of Carroll, Patrick and Floyd counties, Virginia, and for Surry, Stokes and a part of Alleghany counties in our own State. It offers to the tourists one of the most beautiful scenic highways across the Blue Ridge to be found in all America.

There is every reason to expect that this highway will be completed beyond Mount Airy and across the mountains. Governor Trinkle of Virginia is on record as strongly favoring its construction. And Virginia is now building roads. In a recent communication to a friend in this city, the Governor of Virginia expressed the opinion that this highway would certainly be built to the North Carolina line.

Winston-Salem ought to be the first to move in a genuinely earnest and aggressive effort to complete the construction of the Mount Airy road without further delay. It has waited long enough. Winston-Salem owes much to Surry and Stokes counties. The record will show the testimony of business men here for the last fifty years and longer will prove, that no counties have contributed more to the growth, prosperity and progress of Winston-Salem than Stokes and Surry. Winston-Salem should not forget that Winston-Salem of course cannot forget that. And because the Mount Airy road connects both of these great counties with Winston-Salem, Forsyth should be willing to go the limit for its construction—and go now.

### Another Country Physician Moves Ahead

The problem of keeping physicians in the country districts is one that confronts many parts of the country at this time. Just this week it is reported to this paper that the Laurel Fork section, which is just across the mountain in Carroll county, has temporarily at least lost its physician. Dr. S. A. Conduff, who is a brother-in-law of our townsman, O. B. Webb, taking his wife and son with him, last week left for New York, where he will take a post graduate course in medicine in the Columbia Medical school.

Dr. Conduff will remain in that city for nine months and it is not certain whether he will return to Laurel Fork or locate elsewhere. It is learned that the doctor wrote several medical schools for the purpose of securing a physician to look after his practice while he is away, but that upon learning that his was a country practice, invariably the young doctors declined the work.

### Spring Crop of Squealers Coming to Market

The pig hauler is an added proof that spring is coming, for within the past week he has again been passing thru Mount Airy with his trucks and wagons loaded to the guards with squealing pigs. The spring crop which is usually marketed about six weeks old is now just beginning to come upon the market. Pigs raised this winter and spring will no doubt figure in next winter's fat hog contest.

Last fall the supply of pigs was rather overdone, it being somewhat in excess of the demand. This spring it is thought that the price will range a little higher than last fall and the supply will not be over abundant.

## World News Briefly Told

**SAIL SEAS IN 40 FT. BOAT—**Eighty years old, Captain R. W. Nye, his wife and John Sforstrom are soon to sail from San Francisco in a forty-foot boat in search of pearls in the Galapagos islands in the South Seas. At eighty Nye has made and lost three fortunes and now he and his aged wife are to brave the monsoons of a treacherous sea in search of another fortune.

**R. R. PRESIDENT KILLED FALLING FROM HIS HORSE—**Alfred H. Smith, who started as a messenger boy with the Lake Shore Railroad in Cleveland at \$4 a week and rose to the presidency of the New York Central lines, was thrown from his horse in Central Park New York city Saturday afternoon as he pulled up to avoid colliding with a woman rider whose horse suddenly swerved in front of him. He died in Fifth Avenue Hospital a few minutes later of a broken neck.

**LETTERS FROM TRENCHES COMING—**Many a mother and sweetheart wondered during the war why son and soldier boy wrote so seldom. It was customary at the zero hour just before an engagement for the boys to write home. It has now been learned that the reason many of these letters never reached their destination was because they were stored instead of being mailed. Recently 80 boxes of these letters were found stored with an army supply dealer and the post office authorities have ordered that they be forwarded immediately. This paper wants to print the first one to arrive in Surry county.

**BOTH REED AND MCADOO LOSE—**So far as Missouri is concerned both Jim Reed and William McAdoo can go away back and sit down. Saturday in the statewide township and ward conventions both aspirants for White House honors failed to elicit votes sufficient to send an instructed delegation to the national Democratic convention. The bulk of delegates to the Missouri state convention will be uninstructed, and there is no hope that either aspirant will receive the endorsement of the delegation sent to the national body.

### WOMAN BEGINS A NEW CENTURY

Celebrates Birthday with 9 Children, 15 Grandchildren and 36 Great Grandchildren

New York, March 11.—Mrs. Mary Hans of No. 66 West 106th street started in on her second hundred of birthdays yesterday. About the only drawback to old age she finds, is that you can't get a cake big enough to hold the birthday candles.

A year ago, for instance, her daughter, Mrs. Mary Reardon, with whom she lives, had to content herself with sticking a row of colored candles around the edge of the cake and tracing on the icing that it was her mother's 100th birthday. This year some one suggested a hundred candle-power electric light and one taper, but instead the cake was dispensed with.

Mrs. Hans had too much to be glad about to fret over a little thing like that. Nine of her eleven children are living and attended the birthday dinner last night. To live things up a bit they brought along 15 fifteen grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren.

Also Mrs. Hans was up and about the house in her usual sprightly manner and that was something else to be thankful for. She still insists on peeling potatoes, helping wash dishes and sewing between times to help pass the months between birthdays. But she is strictly "modern" in her ideas.

"Certainly women ought to vote," she says, "and you might say I'm going to cast my ballot against Prohibition if it ever put up to the people. I don't believe in it."

Mrs. Hans was born in Baden-Baden in 1823 and came to this country when she was seven. Until twenty-four years ago she lived in Albany. Since then she has made her home here with Mrs. Reardon, two unmarried daughters, Josephine and Lillie, and a son, Frank.

Other children present at the family reunion were Anthony and Joseph Hans of Albany, Mrs. Fannie Farrell, 191st street and St. Nicholas Avenue, and Mrs. Caroline Schneider of St. Mark's Place, Brooklyn.

## "THEFT" OF NAVY'S OIL SHOCK TO DANIELS

### Says He "Sweated Blood" to Keep Fields for Use in Emergency

#### Calls Leasing to Private Parties a Crime—Democratic Slogan, "Thou Shalt Not Steal."

New York, Mar. 6.—Joseph Daniels, chubby Southern country editor, slipped quietly into town early yesterday. Confused by the delays of traffic, he plunged about the city an hour late for all his appointments. Only once did the shrewd twinkle in his puckered eyes vanish. It was when he was speaking to a reporter for The New York World of the naval oil reserves, which he fought to preserve as Secretary of the Navy for eight years in the Wilson Administration.

"I sweated blood to keep them for the navy," he said gravely. "Then to see them turned over for the exploitation of Doheny and Sinclair was like leaving a child you had raised betrayed."

"Guilty of a Crime"  
"Any member of the Navy Department or the Interior Department who knew of the leasing of the naval oil reserves to private interest and did not fight to prevent it was guilty of a crime and ought to get out of office or be put out."

He was going down on the elevator of the Hotel Pennsylvania to keep an appointment for which he was long overdue. A few minutes before, in his room on the seventeenth floor, he had discussed the oil scandal at length. He spoke in explosive bursts.

He was discussing the merits of the leases made by the Harding Administration with Harry F. Sinclair and E. L. Doheny.

"The whole purpose of the oil reserves was that the navy might have oil in case of emergency," he said. "President Taft set the fields apart for that purpose. Every administration that followed guarded the reserves jealously. What would happen if there were a shortage of Mexican oil and we were at war? Our navy would be helpless without oil. These reserves were to be there for just such an emergency."

Rebuffed Doheny's Agent.  
"It was never intended that those fields should be developed by the Government or turned over to private"

interest for spoliation. For seven years I fought to preserve the oil in the ground—to keep it there against the day when the navy would need it. I fought it before Congress. When a man named Stack—now I know he was Doheny's man—approached me about the oil reserves I told him they would be taken from the navy and leased to private interest only over my dead body.

"Before they could have transferred the control over the oil reserves from the Navy Department to the Interior Department they would have had to kill me. The oil was for the navy and for it alone."

"There is nothing in this story that I favored leasing the oil reserves. I suggested to Congress and it was enacted that leases be granted along the edge of the oil reserves to offset the leakage into wells just outside the Government limit which were draining the reserves. Those leases were to small companies. They were for no other purpose than preventing wells outside draining off the naval oil."

Shocked By Thieving  
"This thieving has shocked me. It has shocked every one. The Republicans of conscience, the independent voters and the Democrats are looking to the next Democratic National Convention here to bring forward a man whose character and reputation is such there can be no doubt he would not countenance the turning over of Government property, especially the Navy's oil reserve to private interests for their exploitation."

"There ought to be two planks in the Democratic Presidential platform. 'Thou Shalt Not Steal,' whether through 'stupidity,' intimate friends,' 'loans,' or crookedness, and 'Thou Shalt Not Kill,' meaning that the country which fought so hard to end war should go back to its efforts to bring about peace in the world. Every man would stand back of that platform who did not believe in thieving, 'stupidity or war.'"

Mr. Daniels had risen. The twinkle returned to his puckered eyes. He was asked if he would be a candidate for President at the Democratic National Convention. He smiled, leaned forward and whispered:

"You may say Mr. Daniels said the Democratic Party might go far and not do so well."

## McAdoo Will Enter North Carolina Primary

Washington, March 9.—The name of William G. McAdoo is to be entered in the North Carolina primary. That person may be as dead, politically, as the proverbial dodo, but facts are facts. The name of McAdoo, if present plans do not undergo a complete change, will be filed with the state board of elections within the next two weeks.

All of which signifies, of course that McAdoo and his friends are out to capture the state delegation to the New York convention, and they expect, moreover, to succeed.

The question immediately protrudes: What is this going to do to the Daniels boom? The idea has been to give Mr. Daniels a favorite son endorsement. Most members of the state delegation in Congress have assumed that this would be done; but it will not be done. If Daniels gets the state delegation he will have to fight for it, and he will have to fight McAdoo, the man whose cause he espoused a long while ago. He was a charter member of the McAdoo club, and no one has heard of his resignation if it has been tendered.

Mr. Daniels was not only the original McAdoo man, or almost so, but was first to advocate the primary, and some have wondered if he will now prove the first victim of that system of popular rule. If it were a convention matter Mr. Daniels would almost certainly get the endorsement but the changes are the state convention will have little to do with it. The state convention is set for April 17, but candidates have the privilege of entering the primary until April 25,

and it is pointed out that the convention would not be justified at all in assuming that no one would enter the primary, even if no names should be filed by that time.

There is the consideration too, that the legalized primary will not be held until June 7, and this vote will be binding. If the Daniels people should ask the convention to endorse their man the effect of their action, if seriously considered, would be to forestall, or nullify, the rule of the people who participate in the June primary, and it simply could not be done, legally, for Mr. Daniels or for any other candidate. In 1920 Senator Simmons was given the support of the state convention, but in both instances the name of Senator Simmons was voted on in the primary.

If Daniels therefore is to get a look in, he will have to get into the primary which he has always favored with much enthusiasm, and to get in to the primary he would be obliged to go up against the man to whom he is committed. It is suspected, therefore, that Mr. Daniels, in this posture of affairs, will remain out of it, and that he will not get a complimentary vote from the state delegation which is to go to the New York convention. Senator Simmons recently advised Mr. McAdoo that inasmuch as there was to be a local candidate, according to the press reports, he the Senator could not advise him on the point of whether his name should be entered in the North Carolina primary. It is apparent that since this interesting exchange of telegrams something has happened.