



Better Roads Soon If Highway Fund Used for Highways

Petroleum Exec Says \$100,000,000 Meets All Our Road Needs

S. Gilmer Sparger, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee, said yesterday that available highway revenues are adequate to finance the State's most ambitious road building program over the next three-year period.

F. D. Shamburger, Chairman of the Moore County Petroleum Industries Committee, presided and introduced the speaker.

Speaking before this group, an affiliate of the State organization, Mr. Sparger declared, "with the highway fund surplus already available and current gasoline tax revenues exceeding all previous estimates North Carolina's road system can be improved and expanded to meet the most exacting needs of the State's motorists. The only thing necessary is to make sure by necessary legislation that these revenues are spent exclusively for road construction and maintenance. To do otherwise would not only be a travesty on good judgement and sound fiscal policy but a breach of trust with highway users who pay out annually millions of dollars in gasoline taxes for better roads and highways."

\$100,000,000 Available
Basing his figures on reports of the State Highway and Public Works Commission and the U. S. Public Roads Administration, he said that more than \$100,000,000 would be available for road construction and maintenance over the next three-year period. He explained that the major portion of this amount would come from the 6c per gallon road tax on gasoline, but would be supplemented by motor vehicle registration fees and Federal Aid. "With receipts from the gasoline tax mounting by leaps and bounds—already 25 per cent above the first quarter of 1941 for the same period of this year—our revenues from gasoline taxes are apt to be even more than the amount estimated. Furthermore, the many new cars which will soon be appearing on our highways will bring additional revenues from registration fees."

"From these figures it is obvious that North Carolina can, as soon as equipment and trained personnel are available, embark on a sound and progressive highway program with the assurance that the Highway Department is able to finance a completely adequate road system, and without any increase in the present rate of gasoline taxation. It would seem entirely possible to carry out Governor Cherry's wishes which he expressed last January when he said that he hoped that the State would be able to complete the entire construction and renovation of our highway system without increasing taxes by one penny or borrowing a single dollar.

"The large amount of money available will, with sound and intelligent planning, permit improvements not only for arterial and other important routes but all types of roads in the State system."

Next YDC Meeting Club Chalfonte

The eighth district Democratic rally, sponsored by the YDC clubs of the district with the Moore County club as the host, will be held at the Club Chalfonte on Tuesday, August 7th.

The invitation to hold the meeting in Moore County has been accepted by Rufus Sanfor, eighth district chairman.

Committees named at a recent Moore County YDC meeting are expected to meet next week to further map plans for the occasion.

Philippine Freedom?

It was a drizzly "Fourth" for most of Moore County. There were few firecrackers popping and fizzling, but there were a good many torpedoes hurled from passing cars at the feet of startled pedestrians.

Unperturbed by it all — even unaware that in the far-off Philippines a new independence had been granted—a very dejected and lop-eared mule stood on Pennsylvania Avenue at the top of the hill from West Southern Pines. No driver sat on the wagon seat behind him. Across his shaggy, sad-eyed mien no expression flitted. His sides heaved from the climb, and with the traffic light behind him, he stood still and rested. The light flashed red, then it flashed green. No change was noted in expression or action of this driverless mule.

Or perhaps he did know about

the Philippines? Perhaps he was communing with some of his distant brothers in the newly born Philippine Republic. Perhaps he was congratulating those distant brothers on their new freedom?

Was he seeing the ruin and devastation in the Philippines. . . the gaunt walls of Cebu City, of Iloilo. Perhaps he could even hear those in the Philippines who feared that Philippine independence at so early a date would be the worst possible thing for the Philippines? Because the Philippines were too war-torn, too bankrupt to take care of themselves yet. Because a rotten political group in the Philippines would probably gain control and wring dry the industries struggling to regain their feet? Such is the wide-spread feeling in the Philippines.

SIGH!

These weekends are getting boring. Last weekend was only the Bikini Weekend where atomic things dropped and goats lived to wag the tail. Hot and furious investigations are under way now to find out why the tail still wags.

Then last weekend was also the scene of OPA's temporary passing. Some expected to see prices skyrocket beyond reach of pocketbook and budget, but Monday dawned without the hue and cry of buyers outbidding each other to pay thousands for a dollar pair of socks.

And now comes the weekend of the "Glorious Fourth". We had been warned of traffic accidents that would pile mounds of dead at every crossing. We are still in the midst of the "Fourth Weekend." Let us hope the deaths from holiday accidents are kept in as good control as the Bikini Bomb and OPA-less days to date.

Dark Clouds Or No Teen Agers Enjoy Picnic And Frolic

Friday, a week ago, the Teen-Age Club of Southern Pines had themselves a day of fun and frolic. It got under way from The Civic Club and the crowd rolled on to Leavitts Pond, where the activities began.

Swimming, ping pong, horse-shoes were part of the sports enjoyed and participated by all.

Great tubs of fried chicken and potato salad and fixings were set up for the ravenous horde. . . and soon all that was left were the bare tubs.

A weenie roast had been planned for later in the afternoon, but dark clouds glowered, a thunder storm brewed, and a hasty retreat was beat back to town and the Clubhouse at the Community Center.

While over by the tennis courts a volley ball game was waged hot and furious by the majority, while the next majority lounged around on the porch and steps, while still others played records and chatted, a very busy group were bustling about the small kitchen. Gallons of steaming water were set up and dozens of weenies dumped. Some big drops of rain fell as call to weenies was sounded. The weenies went.

Following the demise of the hot dogs, Alton Blue took the young folks on a joyful noiseful hayride in his truck. And so ended a fine day, in spite of some rain and much cloud-threatening.

Charley Everest, Jr. and Robert Spring were life guards. Also present were: "Honorary Members" John S. Ruggles, Reuben Dubose and Mr. and Mrs. Lennox Forsythe.

Energy falling every second on the earth's surface from the sun is equivalent to 4,690,000 horsepower per square mile.

Carthage Festival Attracts Crowds of Lookers & Holders

Hunsucker Is Queen Bobbie Jane McBride Wins New Plymouth

Carthage was host to the County yesterday at a super gigantic "Fourth of July" celebration. They were such good hosts that all the prizes were won by out-of-town visitors.

The big day started off with a word of welcome from Mayor E. J. Burns, who spoke in behalf of all loyal Carthaginians in welcoming the "folks" to the County seat. The band concert given by the Sanford High School Band and the numerous novelty street events were all just part of the build up to the main morning event—the beauty contest. Yes, sir, it sure was a gala event and the judges had a eye-ful before they picked Miss Dorothy Hunsucker, Robbins, the winner. She won over twelve other curvaceous beauties.

"Queen" Hunsucker reigned over the rest of the day's events and was officially crowned at the evening ball given in her honor.

Undaunted by the rain that fell intermittently all afternoon the big ball game was played and High Falls defeated Siler City 7-6 in a well fought contest. The

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Merchants and Shoppers Here in SP Find OPA-less Days Easy---So Far

Like the fall of the atom bomb on Bikini, the fall of OPA in Southern Pines has made far less than expected fuss.

In fact, the OPA fuss is practically non-existent here to date.

A hasty survey the first morning of OPA's demise revealed the following:

BROAD STREET PHARMACY—"Coke, please," said a man placing a limp and tired dollar bill on the counter, "unless, of course, with OPA off this is not enough." "It will take just five of those, mister," answered the man behind the counter. And then added: "Better get silver if you'll be wanting a coke this afternoon. Paper money not expected to be any good by then." Soon after, a lady came in for a pack of cigarettes. The OPA banter was still on: "Twenty-five cents. . . silver for cigarettes, now. Herman, tell all the rest of here."

A & P: "Any OPA flurry so far, Mr McDonald?" "Not a bit. Not a bit. Hope everything keeps quiet, and I believe it will. I expect to see some emergency measure taken by Congress in a week or so."

MACK'S 5-10-25: There was no remarking of prices, nothing to indicate that prices could now legally be jumped. The regular housewives were filing through

"RHYUKU QUEEN"

The Rhyukus are a bunch of rocks an islands away off on the other side of the world around Okinawa. During the Typhoon Season the Rhyukus catch a big lot of windy punishment. But word reaches America that right now everything is calm and fine in the Rhyukus. . . a new queen has been chosen. And what a queen. No grass skirts, no bone through nose, no tatoos to disfigure in attempting to beautify. No feet like canal barges.

This new "Queen of the Rhyukus" is something to write home about, especially home here in Southern Pines where this "Queen" hails from.

The new "Queen of the Rhyukus" is none other than Miss Nancy Wrenn, daughter of Mrs. Virgil Page Clark.

Nancy Wrenn is with the Red Cross and it was at the Red Cross Club on Okinawa that Nancy was nominated by the Marine Corps as "Queen of the Rhyukus."

Mileaway Stables Steal Spotlight At Hamlet Show

Henry's Dream Champion In Hunter's Division

Hamlet had its first horseshow of a good many years on Wednesday and Thursday. . . and Southern Pines Horses jumped off with a good many of the blue ribbons.

W. O. Moss of the Mileaway Stables took down a string of six horses, one of which—Mrs. James Mechlin's "Henry's Dream" won both the Open Hunters Class and the Hunters Hack, as well as third in the Hunter Stake. "Henry's Dream" was also named Champion of the Show in the hunters division. Mrs. Mechlin rode Henry's Dream in two classes and Miss Jane Pohl rode in the third.

Renown, owned by D. W. Winkelmann and ridden by W. O. Moss, won first in the Road Hack Class, second in the Open Hunters, second in the Hunters Stake, and another second in the Open Hunters Class.

Mrs. Moss rode Whiskdale of the Mileaway Stables to win second.

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Chief Moxley Dies

At 7:15 Wednesday morning Chief Moxley died at the Moore County Hospital. His death came as a surprise to the Sandhills and also to the Hospital. Only the night before Chief Moxley had been reported as considerably improved.

It was believed that Chief Moxley would be well enough in just a few more days for the Coroner's Inquest to be held. It was hoped that the conflicting evidence concerning the Robbins gunfight that took place early Monday evening on June 17, would then be aired and cleared.

Death, however, has stepped in and closed forever the lips of the leading participant in the shooting. Bascom Brown, the other pistol emptier, died at the

scene. Walter Brown is now the only one left alive who took part in the fight. What he will have to say on the witness stand in his own defense has been previously reported. What Chief Moxley would have said was the testimony that was needed to settle the dust of confusion.

It is reported that a "statement" was taken from Chief Moxley before he died. This "statement" was not to have been made public had Moxley recovered.

Now, the contents of this document may hold the fate of Walter Brown. As yet, no evidence has turned up that indicates Walter Brown had anything to do with the actual shooting, other than being part of the disturbance.

Southern Pines Is Champion Of New Sandhills League

Local Golfers Have Undeclared Team Automatic Champs

Southern Pines, the uncrowned champions of the Sandhills Golf league kept up their blistering pace by defeating Laurinburg for their seventh victory yesterday. Not having lost a match this season, and with only one more to be played, the local golfers have established an impressive record. This is the first year of the league and its all hail to the victors. . . Southern Pines champions of the Sandhill League.

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Resort Airlines Seek Hangar For A Service Center

Some 18 Airlines To Be Serviced Here If Douglas Contract Won

Progress is under way at Resort Airlines to make the Knollwood Airport a Douglas Service Center, in addition to its regular Resort Airlines activities.

First, however, an additional hangar suitable for servicing the Douglas planes must be obtained. This, according to Lewis C. Burwell, president of Resort Airlines, is holding up the proposed step. A search is now under way for a surplus hangar, or for materials suitable for constructing the necessary hangar.

Should Resort Airlines become the Douglas Service Center, it will mean that facilities and personnel will be enlarged considerably to take care of the additional work that this expansion would entail.

There would be some eighteen airlines that would then use the Knollwood Airport as their service center.

Over one hundred planes in this flight area would be serviced by Resort Airlines if it becomes the accredited service center for Douglas Aircraft. When and if this takes place, the Sandhills will take a definite step upwards in the opinion of the air-minded present-day fliers.

It will also be another step in the right direction for developing Southern Pines-Pinehurst as the ideal resort for the golfers, riders, and hunters who will be seeking just such weekend vacation spots that are only a few flight hours from their office desks.

Resort Airlines is also putting on a drive in the community to interest the business men and permanent residents to become a part of what promises to be the outstanding project in this section. "The officers and directors of Resort Airlines have decided that it would be extremely helpful to the Corporation to have a number

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of the 850 World War II veteran delegates who, working day and night, created the permanent organization of the American Veterans Committee at the first annual convention here and charted a progressive course on domestic and foreign policy.

These earnest youngsters will be heard from, and so will the others they enlist as they go home to expand from their present 80,000 membership and exert their influence on affairs of their communities, the nation and the world.

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GOATS

"Bomb away. . . and then silence except for the crackling of static over the radio. Millions of hearts beat faster, millions of minds waited — for what? Was Bikini about to be blasted from the earth forever? Was a chain of atomic explosions about to start that would pass the hand of eternity across the face of the earth, leaving nothing?"

In that ensuing silence the age of miracles was back. Witches rode the brooms of racing imaginations. . . while on target ships goats stalked the quarter decks, unmindful of their part on the stage of history.

The bomb exploded. Ships were left afloat. Coconut trees still stood on unshooked Bikini. Goats still stalked the quarterdecks. Man had again failed to destroy the World. He will try again.

Stokes Column Praises AVC At Des Moines Meet

By Thomas L. Stokes
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Install Officers At Rotary Picnic

The Southern Pines Rotarians and Rotaryannex were entertained last Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Clark at an outdoor luncheon at their home, Wendorover. At this meeting the newly-elected officers of the Rotary Club for the coming year were installed, as follows: Morris Johnson, president, Virgil P. Clark, vice-president, Harry L. Brown, secretary-treasurer. The directors for the new year are Morris Johnson, Virgil P. Clark, June A. Phillips, Lloyd Clark, Tucker G. Humphries, Garland A. Pierce and Harry L. Brown.

PING PONG & HORSHOES

Beginning Monday, July 8, two tournaments for the youngsters will get under way—one in ping pong, the other a contest for the wielders of horseshoes.

Both tournaments will be concluded during the week, with the players in the ping pong finals playing for the championship on Saturday night at the young people's dance at the Community Center.

First prize in each division, boys and girls, will be five theatre tickets, with three tickets to the runner uppers.

Entries must be in by Saturday evening, July 6th.

A. C. Dawson announces that they would very much like to have a ping pong tournament for adults, if enough interest is shown.

A gust of wind was recorded in '34 at 231 miles per hour.

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NEW HOURS FOR CPL

The Carolina Power & Light Company office here will be open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. on week days, Monday through Friday, and from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. on Saturday, according to an announcement by R. C. Dubose, local manager.