

National Highway News

Special to The Enterprise

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J. A. Roundtree, Secretary of the Bankhead National Highway after a two weeks tour through North Carolina and Virginia, inspecting branch routes of the Bankhead National Highway in those states and also visiting Washington in the interest of the Bankhead Highway, returned home Saturday morning full of enthusiasm over the prospects of the Highway being taken over by the Government as a Military road, traversing from Washington to Los Angeles, Calif.

On September 2nd, Secretary Roundtree headed a pathfinding committee composed of C. I. C. M. Vanstort, Director-at-Large, and Col. Bennhan Cameron, Director for North Carolina, W. S. Fallis, State Highway Engineer of North Carolina, D. N. Winslow, Maintenance Engineer of North Carolina, traversed the Military branch of the Highway from Williamstown, N. C. to Raleigh, Henderson and to Norfolk, Va.

They also inspected the Naval branch from Norfolk to Petersburg. The pathfinding party was most cordially received and an ovation tendered them at various towns and cities through which they passed. The Pathfinders were delighted with the attentions accorded them and the branch routes which they inspected.

After the pathfinding trip, Secretary Roundtree, accompanied by a strong delegation, composed of leading good roads advocates, went to Washington for the purpose of inducing the Government to pass the Stephens-Bankhead Military Road bill to take over the Bankhead National Highway, which traverses from Washington to Los Angeles, as a Military Highway. The Committee appeared before Senator John H. Bankhead, Chairman Post Office and Post Roads committee, Senator F. H. Simmons, Chairman Committee on Finance, Senator Martin, Chairman Committee on Appropriations, Senator Chamberlain, Chairman Senate Military Committee, Congressman Dent, Chairman of the Military affairs of the House. The committee was most cordially received and assurances given that the building of the Bankhead National Highway was feasible and within the perview of the law.

After consultation it was suggested by the Senators that a special hearing should be arranged before the Military Committee and representatives from California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia should appear with maps, data, profiles and estimates and show why the Government should take over the Bankhead Highway as a Military necessity. Senator Chamberlain designated December 13th as the day for hearing the various committee from the States named. It is expected that Commercial Clubs, Automobile Clubs, Bankhead local Highway Associations in the various cities along the route will send representatives.

The Twentieth Century Club

The Twentieth Club held its meeting of the season Wednesday Sept. 25th, Mrs. Oscar Anderson, hostess. The Club is studying The Great War this year and we hope it will prove both interesting and instructive to its members. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Wheeler Martin.

There will be no meeting of the Red Cross on Tuesday night.

Save your country or slave for the Hun.

University of North Carolina News Service

The first and second days of Registration of the opening of the University of North Carolina this week promises to enroll such a number of students as will tax the capacity of the dormitories and dining hall. General estimates place the number expected above the 1000 mark. Tuesday and Wednesday are the days of registration while class work and drill begins Thursday.

The conversion of the dormitories into barracks, the dining hall into a mess hall, Memorial Hall into an Armory, the campus into a Government Camp, and the introduction and substitution of many new courses of study in the curriculum are some of the most distinguishing marks which characterize the transition of the University from the old order to the new.

With the conversion of the University from a State to a government plant, the military feature will naturally predominate. Lieut.-Col. G. W. S. Stevens, U. S. A. will be Commandant in charge, assisted by Capt. J. Stuart Allen, a Canadian officer, and Adjutant J. V. Whitfield, the latter two being members of last year's military faculty. Major C. Towner and four lieutenants, assisting, will also be stationed here as inspectors of the student army training camps units in the South Atlantic States.

Every student in the S. A. T. C., with a slight reduction in the case of engineering and medical students, will be required to take 53 hours of work a week, 42 hours of academic work and 11 hours of military drill. The instruction will be partly military and partly in allied subjects that have a value as a means of training officers and experts to meet the service. The allied subjects will ordinarily be selected from the following: English, French, German, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geology, Topography and Map Drawing, Meteorology, Astronomy, Hygiene, Sanitation, Mechanical and Free Hand Drawing, Descriptive Geography, Accounting, History, Surveying, Economics, International Law, Government and Psychology.

The program of study in allied subjects must include a course or courses on the underlying issues of the war, with not more than three hours per week in lectures and recitations. The war issues course will touch the fields of History, Government, Economics, Philosophy, Modern Literature and English Composition.

With the introduction of the new order of things class lines will be abolished. The courses selected will be determined by the age of the student. Former senior, junior, sophomore, and freshman groups have been replaced by groups of 20 year-olds, the 19 year-olds, the 18 year-olds, and the non-S. A. T. C. students. In carrying out this program a strictly military schedule will be adhered to. The first call will come at 6 a. m. Taps will be sounded at 10 p. m. This is the system of all the schools in the State under military control.

Higher Prices for Tobacco

There has been a marked improvement in price of tobacco recently. Farmers have been requested and urged to go slow in selling their tobacco, by the buyers. The shortage of labor makes it impossible to handle the crop in a rush.

Farmers should take warning at the recent depression caused by the block and the decided rise, just as soon as the buyers get a much higher price for the remainder of your crop if you put it in good shape and market it gradually.

Letter From France

"Somewhere in France"
Sept. 3rd, 1918.

Dear Sister:—
The letter you wrote August 2nd was forwarded and I received it to day, while it was rather old. Never-the-less I was indeed glad to get it for it was the first piece of mail I have had since I've been on this side. I guess you have heard from me several times since I sailed or at least you have been aware of the fact that I was not in the U. S. A.

This is a wonderful country and it is a real treat to be over here and see it for myself and not have to take what some body else may say about it in the future years. I am now stationed at a small village and it is a curiosity to notice the difference in the way the people live here and in the U. S. A. I hope all the family are well and enjoying good health as much as I am.

With best wishes and love to all I am Your loving brother
Jodie.

This is a letter received by Mrs. J. S. Peele, of Everett, N. C. from her brother in France whose address is

Sgt. J. D. Woolard,
Hq. Co. 316th, F. A.
A. E. F.

Red Cross Workers

The following ladies have worked in the Red Cross Chapter rooms this week on the respective dates. More workers are needed and are urged to come. The rooms will be open on Tuesday night of each week from 8 to 10:30 and on Friday from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. The allotment for this month is large, and unless all help we are apt to fall short, and that has never happened in the Chapter. If you cannot come to the work rooms make application for home sewing. You are needed.

Sept. 20th. Mrs. C. H. Godwin, Mrs. Lawrence Peel, Mrs. J. B. H. Knight, Mrs. Henry Crawford, Mrs. W. R. Burrell, Mrs. A. R. Dunning, Mrs. F. U. Barnes, Mrs. B. S. Courtney, Mrs. John D. Biggs, Jr., Misses Ruth and Ethel Britt.

Sept. 24th. Mrs. C. H. Godwin, Mrs. A. R. Dunning, Mrs. J. D. Biggs, Mrs. Lawrence Peele, Mrs. J. H. Rhodes, Mrs. John Hassell, Mrs. F. U. Barnes, Mrs. L. B. Harrison, Mrs. J. H. Purvis, Mrs. Sallie Biggs, Mrs. J. B. H. Knight, Mrs. H. M. Eure, Mrs. Henry Crawford, Mrs. B. S. Courtney, Mrs. Wheeler Martin Sr. Mrs. Cobb, Misses Flossie Tilley, Daisy Wynne, Ethel Britt, Gladys Balance, Carrie Delle Blount, Mildred and Vella Andrews, and Miss Thorne.

Don't Hoard Gasoline

Though the President has requested owners of automobiles not to drive on Sunday, we see lots of cars flying through the town and country at all hours every Sunday. It only proves that we are a pleasure loving people and doubtless most people who drive cars on Sunday have some regard for the request and are patriotic but it would seem that the desire for pleasure overshadows every thing else. Of course most people have been or are going to Church and expect to be excused. It should be impressed upon car owners that there is going to be a great shortage of gasoline and universal stopping of the Sunday driving will help the war program on the front. It seems absurd that the American people will force the Government to make a direct law against pleasure driving, but necessary.

Attention is called to the fact that Harrison Bros. & Co., now have their fall stock of goods ready for their friends and customers. Their ad appears elsewhere in this issue.

Ten War Commandments for the French People and for Our People

Paris, July 21.—The economic and social section of the League of Patriots, with headquarters in Paris, 4 Rue Ste. Anne, has distributed a leaflet, urging the French to endure without complaint the restrictions imposed upon them in the interest of their country. The following is a copy:

"(1) Do not forget that we are at war. In your smallest expenditures never lose sight of the interest of the native land.

"(2) Economize on the products necessary for the life of the country: coal, bread, meat, milk, sugar, wine, butter, beans, cloths, leather, oil. Except rations, yourself as to food, clothing, amusements.

"(3) Save the products of French soil. Let some day you deprive your father, your son, your husband, who are shedding their blood to defend you.

"(4) Save the products that France must buy from foreign countries. Do not drain reserves of gold, which are indispensable to victory.

"(5) Waste nothing. All waste is a crime which imperils the national defense—prolongs the war.

"(6) Buy only according to your needs. Do not hoard provisions: your selfishness raises prices and deprives those of smaller means of things indispensable to existence.

"(7) Do not travel unnecessarily. Reflect that our trains are, before all, destined for the transportation of the troops, the feeding of the population, the needs of our national production.

"(8) Do not remain idle. According to your age and your ability, work for your country. Do not consume without producing. Idleness is desertion.

"(9) Accept without murmuring the privations which are imposed upon you. Reflect upon sufferings of those who are fighting for you, upon the martyrdom of the population whose hearths have been devastated by the enemy.

"(10) Remember that victory belongs to those who can hold out a quarter of an hour the longest.

"That the world may live, she must be victorious."

Sugar Question Again

We hear occasional rumors of over charges for sugar, flour, meal and other foodstuffs which are required to be sold at a fixed price. If reported these offenders of the law will be punished as they deserve. For the benefit of the public we will again publish the price of sugar:

The refiner gets 9c the railroad gets freight of average of 40c per hundred pounds, this makes sugar cost the retailer 9.75 in bulk. In packages it cost about 10.15 per hundred. The retail merchant must sell a single pound for 11c. 2 lbs. for 22c. 3 lbs for 33c, 4 lbs. for 44c and 5 lbs. for 54c. In bulk, carton or cased sugar 11c. Every pound of sugar must go to the consumer with only two profits for handling, if one wholesaler buys from another he is not allowed any profit.

The proper price for flour varies some as to grades. The merchants are permitted to charge \$1.20 profit for cash and approximately \$2.50 on time.

Feeding the nation is one of the jobs that cannot be neglected and the government has adopted this method in order that the strong shall not trod on the weak.

We ask the cooperation of both buyer and seller in carrying out this order.

The years subscription to the Red Cross for a great many Martin County people expires in October and it will be greatly appreciated by the Chapter if people will renew their subscriptions at once.

The Real Rural Teacher

A rural teacher is one: Who knows her work and works her knowledge.

Who loves the bee in spite of its sting.

Who can pat a puppy that best spatters his garments with mud.

Who is born, bred and buttered on the farm and is proud of it.

Who has originality and leadership and wishes to develop them.

Who not only shouts Long Live the farmer, but who lives with the farmer.

Who not only spends his vacation in the country, but vacates the city for the country.

Who not only stays close to nature but occasionally catches up with it.

Who not only enjoys the fried chicken and brown gravy but respects the method by which they were produced.

Who can be generously sympathetic with nature without being patronizing.

Who can sacrifice a few man-made pleasures for the greater joy of communing with God's great out-of-doors.

Who has no time tracing ancestors because he is so busy ascending.

Who understands that it is foolish to wait for his ship to come in when it has never been launched.

Who knows that he must not be over cautious about where he is to land, for he who always looks before he leaps, usually decides to hunt a soft spot and so never jumps. The School News and Practical Education.

Confederate Reunion in Oklahoma

The county again honors its old veterans by giving them a trip to the Confederate Reunion which is being held this week at Tulsa Oklahoma. These meetings are always much enjoyed by the old Veterans of more than fifty years ago and it is a great pleasure to the County to send them. There are now men in the ranks who are vigorous with youth and are the followers of Foch and Pershing but the gray line is fast disappearing and soon the last follower of Lee and Jackson will sheath his sword to be drawn no more and the last wound caused by that dreadful slaughter of '61-65' will be healed.

Those attending are C. B. Harrison, James B. Waters, John E. Reddick, David F. Roberson and John Nelson.

Meeting for the women of the County

On October 7th the Womens Committee of the Council of National Defense, Martin County Division, has its quarterly meeting in the courthouse at Williamston. The business session will be in the morning, then a lunch will be given to all the women of the county by the Williamston Unit of Council of Defense and in the afternoon there will be two addresses and the raising of Liberty Loan and War Savings Flags. A large Service Flag is to be given to the County with a star for each Martin County man in the war.

In next weeks issue of the Enterprise we give a full program of the day and it is requested that every woman in the county attend this meeting if possible. Learn what the Council of Defense is and let it help your community.

Remember the date, Monday Oct. 7th.

Rev. T. F. Carter is at Riddicks Grove where he is assisting in a protracted meeting there.

We hate to lose a subscriber, so remember to send us a dollar if you are behind, the Enterprise has never cut off a customer before and it is the great paper shortage that forces the government to make us do it now.

Government Army Airship at the Rocky Mount Fair.

The Rocky Mount Fair Company with the assistance of the Liberty Loan committee of Nash Edgecombe, Halifax, and Wilson counties, have secured one of Uncle Sam's standard observation airships for exhibition at the Rocky Mount Fair October 1-2-3-4. The airship piloted by a regular U. S. army pilot and carrying an observer will leave Langley Field, Virginia at eleven o'clock Tuesday morning Oct. 1st arriving at the Rocky Mount Fair grounds at twelve fifteen. Immediately upon arrival the officers will give an exhibition flight.

The airship will remain on the Rocky Mount Fair grounds until Friday night October fourth when it will fly back to Uncle Sam's aviation base at Langley Field. Exhibition flights of one hour will be given by the officers each day.

These flights will demonstrate what our boys are required to do in the way of fancy flying, such as, Loop the Loop, Tail spin, Nose Dive, Side swings, Lalla-paloozing, Point Landings, and other dare devil flying that may prove a necessity in time of actual conflict when meeting the German planes over the fields of France.

The United States army airships are a great deal larger than the regular aeroplanes and for the first time people of this section will have an opportunity of seeing the wonderful Liberty motor pushing one of Uncle Sam's fighting machines through the air at the rate of 125 miles per hour, and carrying an army observer.

In addition to the government airship; there is being constructed on the Rocky Mount Fair Grounds a Y. M. C. A. hut that is an exact duplicate of the huts from which the soldier boys are served in the front line trenches. The hut will be of regulation size, covered with sand bags, camouflaged, and equipped on the inside in the standard manner.

There has just been another load of war relics received in New York which will be turned over to the Liberty Loan organization of the Treasury department. The district Liberty Loan officials have promised that everything possible will be done to have a train containing these war relics on the side track of the Rocky Mount Fair grounds at least one day during the fair.

Without a doubt the exhibition of war relics and equipment shown at the Rocky Mount Fair grounds will be the greatest ever brought together at one point in the south. The government has also authorized reduced rates to the Rocky Mount fair from practically every town within 75 miles in order to encourage the people to visit the wonderful exhibition.

Coastal Plain Fair

To the people of Martin County, We are sure you are proud of the exhibits your county has made at the Coastal Plain Fair in the past, and that you will do all you can this year to help your County Agent make them better than ever.

The Coastal Plain Fair is as much yours as it is any of the other twelve counties' that exhibit here. So, let us make our Fair this year the bigger and better than ever, by exhibiting County resources, and being present every day of the Fair—Oct. 29th, 30th, 31st, and Nov. 1st, 1918. Special rates on Railroad.

Our splendid Premium Book will be mailed you by request.
COASTAL PLAIN FAIR,
Tarboro, N. C.
C. A. Johnson, Secretary,
M. W. Haynes, Asst. Secretary.

Williamston Personal

Forrest Boone spent the weekend in Farmville.

Dave Stalls visited his child in Farmville last week.

J. D. Ray, of Scotland Neck was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. W. P. McCraw returned to her home in Tarboro Monday. J. W. Watts has been in Baltimore for the past week on business.

Miss Essie Peel left last Friday for New York City to enter Seudders School for the fall term. Clayton Moore has been in Charlotte this week on professional business.

Bennie Lilley, of Jam. ville, was in town Tuesday on business.

Dr. Joseph O'Hare, of Plymouth, was in town this week on business.

Miss Sallie Hadley left Monday for Battleboro, where she is to teach in the High School.

Prof. L. R. Lappin of the faculty of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson N. C., was in town last week.

Harry A. Biggs has been transferred to Camp Gene, Charlotte, in interest of the Y. M. C. A.

Titus Critcher and Sampson Hadley went to Wake Forest Tuesday to begin Military training.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ruffin, of Tarboro spent Sunday here with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Britt.

Mrs. W. R. Burrell has received a cablegram from her husband Rev. W. R. Burrell saying that he had landed safely overseas.

Mrs. Fannie Biggs, Mrs. A. T. Crawford, Mrs. Carrie B. Williams and little daughter returned from Black Mountain Tuesday.

W. L. Stalls and party went to Baltimore this week for some cars, and they brought five Mitchells in splendid shape.

Earle Wynne, Walter Owens, Garland Anderson, Sam J. Jrell and Joe David Throwe left Tuesday for Durham to take military training at Trinity Park School.

Mrs. P. E. Brown, Mrs. Myrtle Evans, Misses Esther G. Gussie Winstead and Miss Harmon, with R. E. Boberson and Clyde Sewell motored to Washington Wednesday night and attended a show.

The Right Rev. Thomas C. Darst, D. D., Bishop of East Carolina, will preach and confirm at the Church of the Advent (Episcopal) on Tuesday evening at 8.30, October 1, 1918. All are cordially invited to the service.

Miss Georgia Pearsall of Red Springs, N. C., the music teacher at the Graded School had to leave because of the small number of pupils taking music. The people in Williamston are always complaining because the school hasn't a good music teacher and when one comes they don't patronize her. Miss Pearsall came here recommended as one of the very best teachers in Eastern Carolina and it is to be regretted that the town is losing her. She goes from here to Greenville.

Notice to Business Men of Martin County

At the suggestion of Thomas A. Edison, you will please close all your letters for the next three weeks, with the words, "ours for the Fourth Liberty Loan." This suggestion has been adopted by the Liberty Loan committee and is being sent broadcast throughout the country. You will help the cause along if you will adopt the above plan.

C. H. Godwin
Chairman of Martin Co. Liberty Loan Committee.