

ROAD BUILDING

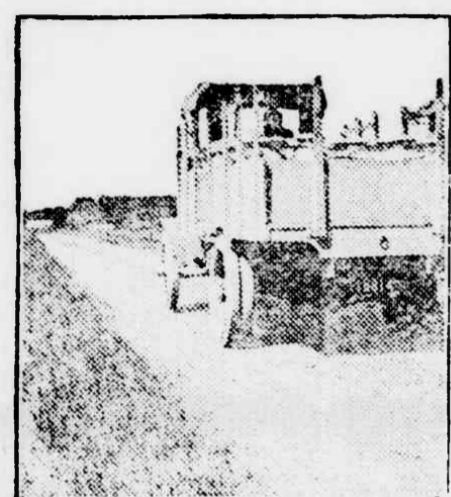
KEEPING UP IMPROVED ROADS

Ample Provision for Maintenance Should Be Part of Highway System—Task Often Neglected.

(From the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Keeping good roads is the most important task in connection with an improved highway system, once the construction work is completed. In the United States in the past this task usually has been neglected, the improved roads in many instances being allowed to deteriorate until they became almost impassable, when they were, at heavy cost, rebuilt. That states and counties are now coming to recognize the need of careful and thoroughgoing maintenance, however, is indicated by studies of county road systems in different sections of the country recently made by the office of public roads and rural engineering of the department.

While some of the eight counties in which intensive studies were made were found to have no provisions for maintenance and others were found to pay for upkeep of the roads out of bond-issue funds, thus creating a debt that would outlive the temporary improvement for many years, two counties in widely separated states were found in which maintenance conditions



Automobile Truck Traffic on County Road After Improvement, Franklin County, New York.

practically all that could be desired. In Mississippi, it was found, there is a state law requiring that a special annual tax of at least one mill be levied for the upkeep of all roads constructed by means of bond issues, the fund to be kept separate from all other funds to be used for maintenance only. Instead of deterioration taking place on the roads of some of the counties in other states on which examinations were made, it was found that in Lauderdale county, Mississippi, roads built several years ago and maintained from the special fund have actually improved since their completion.

The county roads of Franklin county, New York, it was found, are maintained with a contribution of 50 per cent by the state and under indirect state supervision. As a result of this system, the roads have been kept up to their condition on completion. While provisions for maintenance were on the whole not satisfactory in the counties of the other states in which studies were made, this condition since has been remedied in Virginia by the passage of a state law providing that an annual tax of not less than three per cent of the amount of bonds issued shall be levied to provide a maintenance fund for bond-built roads.

The existence of a regulation tending to lessen damage to roads and so to reduce maintenance costs was revealed by the studies in West Virginia county, Virginia, where the county supervisors had passed an ordinance placing a relatively low limit on loads that may be hauled in wagons fitted with narrow tires and a considerably higher limit on loads for wide-tired wagons. As a result, most of the wagons using the roads of the county have been fitted with tires ranging from three to six inches wide.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION IS SLOW

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Road construction is bound to be slow because of its great cost. Figures show that the average cost of sand-clay roads in the United States is \$700 a mile, of gravel roads \$2,000, of macadam \$5,000 and of asphalt macadam \$10,000 a mile.

It has been estimated that the states are spending about \$250,000,000 a year on roads, and the expenditure is increasing every year.

Europe has a great advantage over us, because the old countries have handed down to them the best kind of roads for centuries.

Hen Comfort.

When the hens lack of summer perquisites must be provided for them in winter, viz., warmth and sunshine, animal and green food, in addition to their grain ration.

Improve Roadside.

Has any effort been made to plant the road-sides in your vicinity with trees or shrubs?

Money for Good Roads.

The 48 states are now spending \$250,000,000 a year on good roads.

OLD NORTH STATE NEWS

Brief Notes Covering Happenings in This States That Are of Interest to All the People.

Major General Wood has just visited Wilmington and Fayetteville spending a day at each place.

Vance county ranks ninth in per capita bank deposits. New Hanover is first.

New road work in Durham county is hindered on account of scarcity of labor.

Forty out of the first 150 men called in Durham did not claim exemption.

Governor and Mrs. Thomas W. Bickett are visiting in Hendersonville for a few days.

Plans are being laid by the Concord Merchants' association, looking to the organization of a local home guard.

Joe L. Baker, managing editor of The Charlotte Observer, has resigned to enter the training camp at Ft. Oglethorpe.

Robert Charles Whirlow, Jr., the nine-year-old son of Robert C. Whirlow, living at Salisbury, died as the result of being kicked in the stomach by a horse.

Five more full-blooded Indians, hailing from Cherokee county, were enlisted in company F, First North Carolina infantry at Asheville, bringing the total of the aborigines in the company up to seven.

The Roper Lumber Company is again demanding the return of the two hundred acres of the Washington county Black Land Test Farm, which was deeded to the state, apparently in the hope that its development would aid in the settlement of that section.

Since the entrance of the country into war in the early part of April, 1,227 men have been recruited from North Carolina at the various offices for recruiting in the state. The number for July was 191. This is about three times the number recruited from a state in normal times.

The employment age limit for Atlantic Coast Line has been raised from forty-five to seventy years during the war and for six months after peace is declared, according to announcement made from office of President John R. Kenly.

All county and city attorneys in North Carolina were issued commissions by Governor Bickett designating them to take appeals from the decisions of local boards within their jurisdiction and to investigate all cases of exemption wherein complaint may be made by any citizen.

W. B. McKay of Wilmington was in Raleigh recently with his son, Henry McKay, who is taking steps to get into the army service, being especially anxious to enlist with that portion of the new army that will get into the fighting in France the quickest.

R. P. Seagle, who lives on Route 1 in Newton and reported that lightning killed a fine three-year-old horse worth \$200 belonging to him, James brothers, last four miles about at \$300 each by lightning, the driver also being killed. Jake Smith, who lives at Plantau, this county, had a fine cow killed by lightning, the cow being worth \$75. The day following Anderson Houser, who lives near Catawba-Lenoir line, lost a barn and made the same way.

The summer state-wide campaign for food production and conservation has been conducted at a cost of not more than sixteen hundred dollars, according to Executive Secretary Sam Paul Lucas, who was in his office after having delivered a number of addresses in the interest of the work in several parts of the state. During the month of August the activities of the food conservation commission will be pushed to the very limit for a whirlwind finish September 1.

Opponents of the dipping vat system in Craven county won a decided victory when they appeared in person before the board of commissioners of Craven county and succeeded in having the vat built up until April 1, 1917, at which time they have agreed to assist the officials in rounding up and dipping the cattle.

About twenty-six carloads of lumber are being received daily at Camp Greene, Charlotte, which is about half of the needed daily supply.

The rider of the balloon of the Crew Alighting Company, of Greensboro, L. C., Mr. Bugzee, was instantly killed by landing on the wires of the Southern Power Company at Cherryville. When within twenty-five feet of the ground, the parachute doubted or the live wires and the body hung out downward for an hour burned to a crisp amid the gaze of thousands of helpless friends, who had gathered at the annual picnic. The deceased leaves a wife and several children in Greensboro.

HOW TO VOTE ALTHOUGH ABSENT FROM THE POLLS

An election law passed by the last legislature provides for the registration of voters who expect to be absent from their home precincts at election times.

According to this law, the chairman of the county board of elections is required to keep a book for the registration of those who expect to be absent, in which names may be entered on application at other than the usual registration periods. Previous to any election, absent voters may obtain blank ballots and ballot certificates to be forwarded to their home precincts and opened on the day of election.

For further information, application should be made to F. E. Shuford, chairman of the county board of elections.

CATHEY'S CREEK REVIVAL

Boyd Ross of Selma was in town on Wednesday and reported a good meeting in progress at Catheys Creek Baptist church. The meeting began on Saturday night, conducted by Rev. A. J. Manley and Dr. J. C. Owen of Asheville. Much interest is being manifested and already several have made professions of conversion.

EAST FORK REVIVAL

Rev. W. E. Poovey assisted Rev. Mr. Johnson with a revival at the East Fork church last week. Mr. Poovey preached twice daily, closing his work there Saturday. There were about a dozen professions as a result of considerable interest shown in the meeting.

Diversified Ads Are Business Builders

One cent a word for first insertion, one-half cent a word for each subsequent insertion, each initial or abbreviation counting as a word.

MILK for sale. Write or see, C. K. Osborne. 6-22-tf

LOGS WANTED—We pay cash. Miller Supply Co. 3-2-tf

FOR SALE—One first class Jersey cow, fresh. E. S. English. 8-17-2c

LOST—Pair gold rimmed nose glasses. Owner will reward. 8-17-tf

CHICKENS, EGGS, BUTTER—Cash paid for them. City Market. 7-6-tf

HOUSES AND LOTS and vacant lots for sale. See W. H. Faulkner. 12-29-tf

FOR RENT CHEAP—Nine-room house, modern conveniences. E. T. Henning. 8-10-tf

TOWN LOTS, farms and timber lands for sale. Frank Jenkins, Brevard, N. C. 11

WANTED—Chickens and beef cattle. Osborne Market, next door to Bishop's. 6-8-tf

FOR SALE—Six room house on French Broad ave, just below depot. R. K. Ballard. 5-16-tf

DRESSMAKING, plain and fancy sewing, next door to postoffice. Miss Elizabeth Bennett. 6-15-tf

RYE AND WHEAT—Now ready for grinding at my new mill in Brevard. W. F. Henderson. 8-3-2c

STOLEN—38 Smith & Wesson pistol, No. 19680. Reward for information. W. D. Glazener. 8-19-3p

WANTED—HIDES, WOOL AND FURS. Bring them to W. L. Aiken for highest market prices in cash. 12-8-tf

WANTED—Cash paid for all your feed sacks. Bring or ship them to J. L. Aiken, Brevard, N. C. 7-13-tf

FOR SALE—Good four-section book case at a bargain, \$12, because I don't want to risk shipment. Noah M. Hollowell

WHY PAY RENT—When you can buy a nice home in town or a small farm just on the outside of town? See Thos. L. Walters. 8-10-tf

BARK WANTED—Chestnut Oak and Hemlock. Highest cash market price. Transylvania Tanning Company, Brevard, N. C. 4-27-tf

WANTED TO BUY—Farm adapted for stock purposes. State price and full particulars. Address Box 8, Asheville postoffice. 7-27-5c

THE BLYTHE AND SCOTT rye and corn mill at Blantyre is now ready to serve their customers on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. 8-10-tf

FOR RENT—Eight-room house on Broad street near E. W. Blythe; also rooms for light housekeeping above Mitchell's store. A. M. Verdery. 6-8-tf

FOR SALE—Modern cottage, practically new; six rooms, bath and pantry; desirable location; good community; price reasonable. Rev. A. W. McDaniel. 8-3-tf

LOST—Watch, gold-filled case, Elgin movement; no program on case. "E. W. B." Finder return to E. W. Blythe at Duckworth Drug Co. and receive reward. 8-3-2c

HAVE YOU SKATED—Entrance is free; skating 15c an hour; no charge to ladies for skating on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Rink in Allison building, Main street. L. E. Mull. 1c

APPRECIATION FOR MRS. SIMONS

Editor, News: On Sunday afternoon, at St. Philip's church, nearly two hundred people enjoyed an hour of beautiful music.

Mrs. Simons, with the assistance of Miss Lee and Miss Dotterer, of Charleston, Miss King and Miss Erwin, of Brevard, Mr. Billings and Mr. Davis, of French Broad camp, gave excerpts from "The Holy City," by Gaul.

It was the first time any of the more difficult and classical of the sacred cantatas had been attempted in Brevard, and the excellent voices of the singers, Mrs. Simons' masterly handling of the pipe organ, in the Sabbath calm of the church, made a combination which carried the thoughts and emotions of the listeners nearer to the wonderful City of which they were hearing.

Since coming to Brevard, Mrs. Simons has given unsparingly of

her time and talent to filling the hungry, music-loving souls in the town, and has unselfishly given joy to hundreds who otherwise have no opportunity to hear really good music. She is a valuable and much appreciated addition to the community.

CHALMERS D. CHAPMAN.

TURKEY CREEK SINGING SCHOOL

Rev. P. P. Orr of Boilston on Thursday of last week closed a singing school which he had been conducting for ten days at Turkey creek. There were 40 pupils enrolled in the school.

TWO MORE BOYS ENLIST

Roy Marr and Ben Staggs this week enlisted in the coast artillery corps stationed at Hendersonville. Both were at home again on leave of absence, expecting to return to camp some time this week.

RED CROSS ROOM OPENS NEXT MONDAY

The Red Cross work room will be opened on Monday, August 20, from 3 to 6:30 p. m. The committee requests every woman to bring a straight chair for her personal use, to be left in the work room.

This room is in the Fraternity building, on the second floor right hand side. It will be open every Monday from 3 to 6:30 p. m., and every Thursday 10 to 12:30. All women who wish to do their part of the work under the direction of the Committee of Surgical Dressings are urged to be present next Monday afternoon. Material for garments to be made at home, such as hospital shirts, etc., can be obtained at the hours stated above from a woman in charge of this branch of the work.

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Fruit Jars and Glasses

We have the materials for aiding you in this important work, including Mason fruit jars with extra tops and rubbers, fruit jar openers, good apple peelers, jelly glasses, preserving kettles, crockery for packing pickled vegetables of all kinds.

We have a great many bargains on our 5 and 10 cent counter that could not be bought at wholesale for the price we are retailing them.

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