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"Fix My Road!"

A. H. Graham, chairman of the state highway and public works commission, gave a comprehensive and detailed account of North Carolina's highway construction program last week before the Association of County Commissioners convention at Atlantic Beach.

Following his address, Mr. Graham made informal remarks, stressing that practically every North Carolinian is crying, "Fix my road!" Naturally, each complainer thinks the road past his house is the worst road in the state and that no other thoroughfare could possibly be in the condition that "his" road is. . . that the highway commission does not realize this is utter short sightedness on its part, an insult to the taxpayer auto owner, and a death-inviting stab to the community's economy!

With these thoughts the citizen goes to his county board and demands that "something be done about it" and in nine cases out of 10, the county commissioners find his demand reasonable and pass it on to the highway commission. If this does not bring results, the irate citizen goes to the highway commissioner representing his district and again presents his demands.

These petitioners believe, for the most part, Mr. Graham said, that the commission has a huge surplus on hand, but simply won't build roads. Answering this contention, he reported that as of June 30 the highway fund surplus will total no more than five million dollars, and that by June 30, 1949, it will be exhausted.

At present there is twenty-eight million dollars allocated to road jobs throughout the state. During 1947 a total of \$42,015,693.54 was spent for new road projects. Completed last year were 1,351 miles let to contract and 743.95 miles of bituminous surfacing constructed by state crews.

The average citizen counters then, with "That's all well and good, but how much of this was my share—if any!"

To answer that question, Mr. Graham announced that in process of preparation now in Raleigh are statistics showing how much money has been spent and how many miles of road have been laid in each county since 1946.

With these figures before us, we will learn whether we in Carteret county are right or wrong in claiming that we're not getting our share of road improvement.

At the Cemetery

Years ago when Bay View cemetery, Morehead City, was laid out, it was far from town, a small plot which today has grown north to the water's edge, and both east and south across the Crab Point road.

For 16 years, Charles Lewis, Arendell street, long an employee of the town, supervised care of the cemetery and did it well until his retirement last fall when Walter Lewis, formerly a member of the town board, was appointed cemetery superintendent.

With this position goes the responsibility of sale of plots, preparing graves, and keeping clear the lanes and walks between the cemetery squares.

Within past months a large part of the undergrowth and tangled brush to the north has been cut back, providing more space for burial. With complete utilization of all grave sites, including those which have been purchased by people who have left this section never having buried on their plots, there is room for approximately 5,000 graves, Mr. Lewis estimates.

Excluding the Negro cemetery, the oldest part of this town-owned property, 1,591 persons now lie there. This number includes several British sailors who were killed when their ship was torpedoed off Cape Lookout during the last war and a number of persons re-interred following transferral from the abandoned Shackelford Banks burial plot.

Because there is not a perpetual care plan in effect now, the owner of each plot must do his own grass planting, cutting, and shrub-trimming. Planting of evergreens rather than plants that shed leaves and drop dead flowers means less work in the clean-up department for Mr. Lewis and his helpers, Cicero and David Guthrie, and it is requested that people keep this in mind when beautifying their plots.

Mr. Lewis welcomes visitors and for those who possess ability to comprehend all the drama embodied in the life of one person, a burial plot, rather than being a scene of sadness, is a setting for sober thoughts and a place of peace and contentment.

Thoughts for an open mind...

Cultivate a constructive mental action. Every action of the mind should have something desirable in view and should have a definite positive aim.

Train yourself to face the sunshine of life regardless of circumstances. There is a group of forces at work in every mental attitude.

The nursing of BEING is to unfold all the latent energies. He who approaches most nearly to this, has solved the great problem of life. Not that his real work stops there; only then can it truly begin.

Man's failure to know himself has been due largely to the fact that he has failed to comprehend that his SOUL is HIMSELF; that no longing, no bright hope, no worthy desire can raise in consciousness except it is itself of the SOUL and therefore a heritage of which he may take conscious possession, if he will.

One must work out his own way to freedom. Others may suggest but each must do the work of his own way.

—Jim Merrill

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HERE and THERE

With F. C. SALISBURY, Morehead City



One of the finest summer home developments along the coast of North Carolina is the Ocean Ridge development to the west of Atlantic Beach, opened some two or three years ago as a restricted summer home colony. Since this section was opened there has been built 35 handsome homes or cottages, ranging in an estimated price from \$10,000 to \$50,000. It is estimated that the present building project represents over three quarters of a million dollars.

All but three of the houses are on the ocean front, the remaining being on the north side of the boulevard which extends for over a half mile from the junction of the old Atlantic Beach road. Club Colony to the east of the Beach property, another restricted development, has seven fine summer homes which, included in the Ocean Ridge number, would place these two groups in an estimated value of close to a million dollars.

Two "beer oases" which have been operating in the city for some time have given away to more legitimate business. The Town Tavern on 8th street, next to Dee Gee's Shop has closed its doors and the operator of the place has taken over The Galley, a small eating place on the waterfront. The vacated space has been rented by Dee Gee's Shop and will serve as an annex to his present gift shop. It is stated that complaints as to the management of this "oasis" required it to be closed.

The store space next door to the S. & W. Drug store, owned by Nick Dombolski of Raleigh, has been rented to a Mr. Levinson who, it is stated, will open a woman's dress shop within a short time. This is one of the most central store locations in the city. Since the building was erected it has contained nothing better than a cafe, a billiard room, or a beer parlor.

During the week, property owners have received their yearly notices of both county and city taxes. Tax rates are the same as last year, \$1.80 for the county and \$2.00 for the city. City payers are wondering just how much the rate will be cut next year from the receipts of the dog race track which gives the city a 10 per cent cut.

Regardless of the number of people who own cars and drive to the beach, it is stated that the special excursion from Goldsboro to this city each Sunday is growing quite popular. The train arrives here before 10 o'clock in the morning stopping at 28th street for the bus to the beach and leaves at 5 o'clock giving the patrons plenty of time to get a good sunburn and a fine dip in the surf.

Summer schedules have been announced for the four state 4-H Camps. An estimated 10,000 to 12,000 4-H boys and girls are expected to attend camp for a week during the summer season. Members of the 4-H clubs from Carteret county are scheduled to attend the camp at White Lake, August 16-21. Onslow county members will attend at this same date.

Merchants and residents of Cedar Island sent a delegation to Greenville on Monday to confer with the State Highway Commission regarding the hard surfacing of the four miles of road on the island. The State has recently completed hard surfacing the road from Atlantic to Cedar Island but did not include the main road running from Lols to Roe and beyond.

This section contains some of the best clam beds in the county which are shipped to the Campbell Soup company. Dealers who buy on the island claim that at certain seasons of the year the roads are in such condition that it is almost impossible for their trucks to get in and out of the loading points.

The party in the west end of the city whose slumbers were disturbed by the "throbbing" of the dredge and the whistle calling for a "chaw of tobacco" can now rest in peace, for the dredging work is over and the outfit is getting ready to depart. Thousands of yards of sand have been pumped on each side of the Atlantic Beach causeway from the south end of the bridge to solid ground. As soon as the ground has settled sufficiently the Highway Department will grade the shoulders along this stretch making the road safer for turnouts from the hard surface.

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Mrs. Sallie Beacham Caraway, of Vandemere, 57 years old, the sister of Paul and Riley Beacham of Beaufort, passed away at her

home on Tuesday of last week following an extended illness. A daughter, Mrs. C. W. Willis, of Atlantic, also survives.

Students living on the campus at East Carolina Teachers college have organized for the summer session and elected officers to direct activities in the dormitories. Miss Catherine Gaskill of Sealleville has been elected as a member-at-large for Jarvis Hill.

A news item under date of June 14, 1918 says that "The Atlantic hotel at Morehead City will tomorrow be opened for the 1918 season. Mr. R. P. Foster, of Asheville, is again manager of this hotel."

Have you taken a look at the new look in the S. & W. Drug store? It's a new fountain, modernistic and streamlined. Along with the new fountain are several new tables with upholstered seats in bright red leather. These add to the seating capacity, which together with the new fountain adds to the service and efficiency of the store.

Trade Tides, a small four-page publication issued in the interest of the merchants and business men of the city made its appearance this week on the store counters. Each advertiser is given a writup under the heading of Who's Who In Business, also a welcome is extended to visit Atlantic Beach. H. B. Utley, former publisher of the Twin-City Daily Times, is editor-in-chief of the publication. Another good boost for the city.

Seven students from Carteret county were awarded degrees from North Carolina State college at the 59th commencement service held last Monday night of last week. In the textile-managed department of the College School of Textiles was Quentin McAlpine Lewis, of Marshallberg. Glenn Howard Adair of Beaufort, and James Booth Macy, Jr., of Morehead City, received bachelor of science degrees from the engineering department. Adair's degree was in mechanical engineering, aeronautical option and Macy's degree was in plain mechanical engineering.

Leon Alvon Mann, Jr., of Newport, was awarded a bachelor of science degree from the college school of agriculture, agriculture economics department. Joel Henry Davis, Jr., also received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the school of agriculture.

From our observation as a boardwalk observer along the beach we would say that while the new style bathing suits seem to have very few hooks, there are lots of eyes glued on them. Get the point?

The boys about the city fire station have gone in for landscape gardening. The old fire bell which stood on the grass (or weed) plot, full of dirt and weeds, has been cleaned out and converted into a gold fish pond. You have to look sharp to discover the fish, but they are there.

Excuse It, Please By error, Smyrna news was misplaced in Friday's paper under the heading "Stacy" on page 1 of the second section.—Ed.

EXPERT SHOT .36 D C BOD Mrs. Ralph Temple has an ingenious husband who, as long as there is a shot gun around, probably won't let hawks steal his wife's chickens, or 'gators get his pigs.



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Deciding that such fare was certainly too luxurious for the hawks and highly damaging to the Temple family economy, Mr. Temple made a "cry baby" to call hawks.

Early one morning he went out in the nearby woods and began his hawk-calling, and lo and behold a big hen hawk appeared. Bang! And that was the end of Mrs. Hawk.

Later in the morning he tried again, and another hawk hit the dust. At 4 o'clock the same afternoon, Mr. Temple went hawk-calling again and this, too, decreased the county hawk population by one.

As for 'gators, a big fellow sidled up to the hog lot one day and crawled up on the bent over wire at the water fence, the wire making a sort of cradle for him to lie in. There he was sunning himself and envisioning pig for supper when Mr. Temple spied him.

From the kitchen doorstep, at 50 yards, Mr. Temple emptied a load of shot between the critter's eyes, and if the pigs had wanted, they could have had 'gator for supper.

Mrs. Temple says proudly of her husband, "He never misses!"

Some 400 members of the Mormon church of Latter Day Saints will convene at the church of this organization on Harkers Island the last of this week for their annual state conference. The people of the island are opening their homes to this host of delegates as well as assisting in other ways to make this gathering welcome.

Story of the Week

River navigation in Eastern Carolina, 50 years or more ago, formed one of the chief methods of passenger and freight service from this city, as well as other river ports on the Neuse and Trent rivers, for coastwise northern points.

While the Atlantic & North Carolina railroad from this city to Goldsboro gave an outlet to the central and western part of the state, the steamship lines of that period, on schedule runs from New Bern to Elizabeth City where connections were made with the Norfolk Southern railroad for points north, furnished a transportation service that existed until the extension of the Norfolk Southern railroad to New Bern and the coming of improved highways and motor trucks.

Old Pier No. 1, located on the present site of the Port Terminal in this city, was a scene of much activity in those days. It was a receiving and shipping wharf for passengers and freight, incoming and outgoing to northern points for the Old Dominion Line and the Clyde Line which touched at this port.

The Old Dominion Line plied between New Bern and Elizabeth City, carrying both passengers and freight while the Clyde Line was chiefly a freight service, making the outside run to Norfolk, Baltimore and New York.

One of the first boats put in operation by the Old Dominion Line was named the Shenandoah, making a schedule run of three times a week between New Bern, Morehead City, and Elizabeth City. It is said to have been a beautiful boat with three stories above deck and one below. Boats of this type on the inland waters were known as side-wheelers. Smaller boats in those days

could make the run on the Neuse River to Smithfield and on the Trent River as far as Trenton. Crafts operated on these rivers were owned by the Neuse River Transportation Company and the Trent Transportation Company, running out of New Bern.

These river boats featured Sunday excursions and picnic groups, making stops at several resorts along the river as well as bringing parties down to the seashore at this city, providing the people of a half century ago with a day's outing, which today is made over the improved highways of the state, either to the seaside or the mountains. People talk about the "good old days" but the present are hard to beat.

Court of Honor Cancelled

The Boy Scout court of honor originally scheduled for tonight has been postponed indefinitely, it was announced this morning.

Inlet Inn Dock Repaired

Repair work on the pier on Front st. situated in front of the Inlet Inn was begun Thursday. Mrs. A. V. Pierson, owner of the inn, reported that N. F. Eure, contractor, is doing the work.

Dead Rooster Wins This Cock Fight, Court Rules

MANILA — (AP) — The Philippines Supreme Court has settled a cock fight. A referee had awarded the decision to the rooster that was killed.

Now senior, protested the owner of the live rooster, that cannot be. Since he had \$430. riding on the decision, the owner went to court. The municipal judge didn't see how a dead rooster could win a cock fight either. He reversed the referee.

The owner of the dead rooster appealed right to the Supreme Court.

The learned justices dug back to an old Spanish law. The law said a referee could award a decision to a dead rooster. That is, a referee could if he did it for the reason this referee did: award the victory to the dead rooster because he fell in attacking while the live rooster was so broken in spirit it was ready to retreat.

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