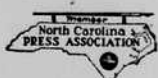


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MR. KEUGLER AND THE BRIDGE

Last week we wrote an editorial about the bridge situation prior to the meeting with Mr. Frank Keugler, Washington, N. C., State Highway Commissioner for this district.

The State Highway Commission of North Carolina is very similar in organization and functions to the road bodies of most other States. In fact, we understand several states have patterned their Commissions from our own. There is one thing the Commission has no power over and that is the raising of funds for their work. This, of course, is done by the General Assembly. But after a certain amount of money is voted for road building and maintenance by the Assembly for a certain period, the allocation of these funds is left to the Highway Commission.

There are three districts in the State where geographic and natural causes make road and bridge building a serious problem and far more expensive than in other sections of the State. In the West, where mountains must be removed or bridged over, where roads must wind over steep and rocky hills, it takes real money to build roads. And in the East, where the rivers end at the sea there are times when they leave their banks and create havoc and destruction to the lowlands, to property, to lives and to roads and bridges.

With remarkable fairness and judgment, the Highway Commission sought and received from the General Assembly a special equalization fund of one million dollars to be used in those three districts in addition to their regular allotments.

Part of this was explained by Mr. Keugler to the Bridge Committee here. It was the first time several of the committee had had any dealings with Mr. Keugler. He was fair in his statements, sympathetic in admitting the great need of this particular section and in realizing the terrific handicap of being without a bridge, even temporarily.

However, he stated that his district had already received more than its share of the equalization fund; that he had spent most of the regular funds allotted to him. At first, it appeared the State would only put the span back in at a cost of some \$7,000. The local committee refused to accept this and demanded a new bridge at a new site which would eliminate the three small bridges.

Then Mr. Keugler said the State did not have funds for a new bridge but would make a ten-ton bridge out of the old bridge by putting in an entire new super-structure at a cost of \$70,000. Or if the county could raise the balance, the State would apply the \$70,000 on a new bridge, in the meantime putting in a span for temporary use at the old bridge.

It was thought then that money could be taken from the bond money which Halifax County has and which has not been used by the State for the purpose it was voted; the surfacing of certain roads in the county. But this was found to be illegal. A bond issue for this purpose is out of the question.

The County Board of Commissioners went on record asking for the new bridge, stating if they had the money they would donate it to the State. A meeting has been set with the State Highway Commission for the 21st when the State will be asked to pay all of the cost of a new bridge, other plans having failed. A plea has been sent to Washington for Federal aid.

There is no argument as to the need of a new bridge. The trouble is in finding the money with which to build it. The people of this community remember a promise that this road and bridge would be of the same type as that on 481 from Weldon to Pleasant Hill via Garysburg,

which would mean a new bridge here and a concrete road from here to Pleasant Hill. It is said Mr. Keugler made the promise when on a trip here some time ago.

If it was the same Mr. Keugler we listened to here last week, that promise will be fulfilled some way for the Mr. Keugler we know is with us 100 per cent in our justified demand for a new bridge.

GETTING TOGETHER

The bridge affair has given us a new insight in the possibilities here. In our hour of dire extremity, we find we possess men here who can work together and not only work together, but who can accomplish things.

Tackling an almost impossible task, that of building a quarter million dollar bridge without any money, the citizens here have raised the bid from the State from \$7,000 to \$26,000 to \$70,000 to \$125,000. That's a whole lot for less than two week's work. Of course, there are strings to that last amount, but things have progressed quite far from that day on May 3 when the State Highway Department agreed to hold up the order for the new span to be placed in the old bridge.

There have been disagreements among the citizens and arguments and hot words have been bandied back and forth, but when the time comes for concerted action, as it has several times lately, every man was found at his proper place ready for the fray.

Now that's what we need here all the time. The Twin Cities are too big to be allowed to run themselves any longer. If we get these two towns together, as we will when the legislature meets, just eight months off now, there will be no problem we cannot solve in some satisfactory way.

The mean, tedious, unsatisfactory way it is necessary for the South Side to operate its business affairs will be done away with. We recall the half dozen times it has been necessary to call the business men from their work to act on some problem, committees to be appointed, donations to be collected from each individual merchant, all that sort of thing which is so unbusinesslike and burdensome.

With one town here, one central organization representing everybody, thousands of extra shoulders put to the wheel, this community can be stopped. We feel safe in saying that all this trouble about losing Route 40 and all the other disappointments have come because we are not working together for a common purpose, but were wasting our talents and energy in pulling in opposite or at least different directions.

Let's keep together from now on, not only on bridge and road affairs, but on every issue which affects our towns, our homes, our business, our future.

THE NURSES

Our experience with hospitals has been very limited but we feel that we have had our share of suffering in the short span of years we have managed to live.

They say never go out of your way to find trouble and somehow we feel that is exactly what nurses do; at least they seem to be putting themselves into a lifetime of contact with a lot of suffering. While the most of us are trying to avoid that very thing.

It's a courageous undertaking, a noble sacrifice, the way we look at it. You must have many shining attributes to be fitted for the work. A lot more than the average amount of sympathy and patience and fortitude.

A new group of student nurses graduated this week from our splendid hospital. We are proud of them and the work they have chosen. Back in 1918, in an army hospital, a nurse went out of her way to give the writer the extra attention needed to bring him through a mighty nasty attack of influenza. At one time, the overworked doctors had despaired of the case and turned their attention to cases where chances for recovery were more certain. Not this nurse; and from then on we never see the uniform without a profound feeling of respect and gratitude.

Lesson 12. Minerals—North Carolina ranks first in the United States in the number (284) of native minerals; in the production of crude feldspar (50 per cent of U. S.), pyrophyllite and residual kaolin clay. It ranks second in the production of mica, and second among Southern States in the production of copper (8,207,000 pounds).

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



Unable to see for twenty years, Joseph Pope of New York has regained his sight at the age of 85.

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All voters in Roanoke Rapids precinct No. 1 who have not registered in the past must do so before May 24, if they wish to vote in the June 7 primary. Every Saturday the books will be at the old Methodist Church on Jackson and Second Street.

All new voters in Rosemary precinct to vote may register at Triple R Gro. Co during the week and at the Rosemary Band Hall on Saturdays.

MONROE JENKINS, Registrar. 31-5-22.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, June 7, 1930. W. J. NORWOOD, Rosemary, N. C.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Lower House of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, subject to the Democratic Primary, June 7, 1930. C. O. BYRD, Rosemary, N. C.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Lower House of the

General Assembly of North Carolina, subject to the Democratic Primary, June 7, 1930. CLEMENT S. KITCHIN, Scotland Neck, N. C.

J 6-pd I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives subject to the Democratic Primary, June 7, 1930. D. MAC JOHNSON, Enfield, N. C.

4-10-1f. FOR SOLICITOR To the Democratic voters of Halifax County: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for renomination as solicitor of this district, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, June 7th, 1930.

In sincere appreciation of the trust you have reposed heretofore in me by electing me as solicitor I have tried without fear or favor, to guard well your every interest and to see that in the courts justice was done, to high and low, to rich and poor. I shall greatly appreciate your vote and support. Respectfully, R. HUNT PARKER, apr 17-1f

FOR STATE SENATOR

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of State Senator of North Carolina from Halifax County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, June 7, 1930. ALLEN C. ZOLLICOFFER, Rosemary, N. C.

FOR CLERK OF COURT

This is to announce that I will be a candidate for renomination for Clerk of Superior Court of Halifax County subject to the will of the Democratic Primary to be held June 7th, 1930. I pledge myself if nominated and elected, I will execute the duties devolved on me to the best of my ability, ever remembering with sincere gratitude the loyal support that has been given me in the past by the electors of the County. STERLING M. GARY. 6-pd.

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for renomination as Register of Deeds for Halifax County, subject to the Democratic Primary, June 7th, 1930. I pledge myself, if nominated and elected, to execute the duties devolved on me to the best of my ability, remembering with sincere gratitude the loyal support given me in the past. W. T. CLEMENT. apr 25 to j 6-pd.

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