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HASTY HIGHWAYMEN

If those who controlled our particular destinies in this matter of highway and bridge construction are as speedy in actual building as they are in making decisions which affect this community, North Carolina will very soon have paved roads and concrete bridges from one end to the other.

Almost feverish was the haste with which action was taken to build a new bridge in the place of the collapsed structure which has served us these many years. So positive were the experts that no argument could prevail against them. Our desire for a new bridge at a new site was looked on with contempt. We were ignorant laymen who knew nothing of bridge construction, who possessed fantastic ideas about the source of money to build with, who did not even have the proper conception about high water marks along the banks of our own rivers.

At the May meeting of the State Highway Commission, a delegation from here was met with courtesy on the part of most of the members of the commission. It was the courtesy born of polite ignorance of our situation. Spread before each Commissioner was the official highway map of the State. If there are other fallacies printed thereon as there is in regard to the road thru this community, that map is a worthless piece of junk. The old Route 40 thru Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary is shown as a great curve, when if measured to the scale of the map would be an offset of twenty miles. And nowhere else is there shown such a curve. From this map, the Commissioners tried to get an idea of our situation and needs. It was impossible.

From the concrete lover and engineer who knew the most about our troubles, they gained constructive information. It was apparent to all those in the delegation that our fate was sealed and nothing we could do or say would change it. The Commission did appease us with an offer to survey at or near the site wanted. It was our understanding that nothing would be done until those figures had been compiled.

Now comes the haste. For some reason unknown to us, at the next meeting of the Commission, and before the survey was completed, final action on our bridge was taken. We were not notified that it would even be discussed, much less acted upon. The reason given was that the Commission felt a terrible burden of responsibility upon its shoulders. They craved to give us a new bridge before the next moon and before another accident. The quickest thing, they decided, was a new bridge on the old piers of the present bridge.

But today comes the tidings that this hasty action was all for naught. It will cost too much to use those old piers. The fast workers are back where they started from.

Another burst of speed which breaks all records was the sudden, suspiciously sudden, action in changing the road markers and taking Route 40 and Federal Highway 17-1 from us and placing them on a road which will not be opened for another year.

We sincerely hope that this piece of haste will be just as foolish and wasteful as has the others. They have taken backwater on the bridge proposition and it only makes us the more determined to get Route 40 back and more confident that the mighty can be and are just as often just as wrong in their judgment and actions as the dumbbells they represent.

We are getting sick and tired of the arbitrary

and high-handed policies of those who gain a little power. They need some checking, if only in this matter of speedy and unjustified decisions.

WHEN TAXES ARE CUT

The sun comes up in the morning, flowers bloom in the Spring, Babe Ruth continues to smack 'em over the fence, and tax payers eternally demand a cut in tax rates.

But the unprecedented is about to happen. Halifax County may soon have a cut in the tax rate; not a teeny-weeny little cut, but a healthy man-sized slash that is beyond the hopes of the most ardent member of the Tax payers league.

Taxation without representation is given as the cause of our Revolution. History traced back to its source is but the chronicle of a man's fight to lower taxes. Rome built its empire on taxes. It is the eternal bugaboo.

Every candidate is for it. Every politician dreads it. It has caused more gray hairs than any other factor. Think of the homes broken up because the head of the family goes berserk trying to file his income tax report.

We do not know, but we have the idea that our County Commissioners are going at this thing about like the small boy who puts a giant fire cracker under a tin can and runs. They show remarkable courage in tackling a problem which worries our greatest minds.

For the day of reckoning is to come. Said to relate but when that day arrives, those who today are such enthusiastic reductionists will be found with all the rest, complaining and criticizing. When the old law of compensation begins working and roads are impassible, schools are running on short time, the county home is neglected, the machinery of county government is squeaking from lack of lubrication, this splendid day of victory for the extreme reductionists will be forgotten.

We have painted the picture as darkly as possible. It may be that it will never come. It may be that we can run this county just as efficiently and continue to keep apace with improvements and additions.

But if we don't, then we are saying this to prepare the proper alibi for the Board of Commissioners, who then will be assailed where now they are to be praised. We just don't believe it possible to cut the budget as much as is contemplated without every citizen feeling it and seeing it in the civic life of the County, and seeing the great changes wrought will they forget the fact that what the county is losing they, as taxpayers are saving in dollars and cents.

To say we are opposed to the cut is a lot of bosh. We will save along with the others. But what we do maintain is that this is a temporary form of relief and we still are no nearer that greater efficiency and permanent savings which this county should have, and would have if much of the machinery were taken out of politics and put where it should be, on a strictly business basis.

COTTON CLOTHES

Considerable stress was laid upon the matter of clothes at the convention of the South Carolina Cotton Manufacturer's Association at Myrtle Beach, the suits worn by the men and the dresses worn by the women affording subject for division of talk between sartorial and business affairs. About 100 delegates attended and all were arrayed in cotton—ducks, sail cloth, poplins, seersucker, crash and gabardines giving evidence to the variety possible for cotton suitings. President Marchant, of the State Association, wore a white cotton crash, with a small pin stripe, while President Sloan, of the Cotton Textile Institute, was arrayed in a gabardine coat with white duck trousers. The Greenville and Spartanburg delegations "presented a new note in harmony," some wearing plain white and others wearing white with black pin stripe cottons. The variety for the women included flowered cotton, net, voile and organdy. The cotton manufacturers are thus taking the lead in showing the people how good it looks to be dressed in cotton and they have set an example that is being fast followed over the country.—The Charlotte Observer.

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Adjoining the lands of Marcus Sledge Osborne Johnston and others, beginning at a leaning maple, near large maple on East bank of Deep Creek, Sledge's corner in Bailey's line; then down the meanders of said creek, 2384 ft. to a gum stump, Birch pointer, Bobbitt's corner in Bailey's line; then along Bailey's line N. 47 1-2 E. 2481 ft. to a large pine, Bobbitt's corner in Edward's tract; then N. 48 3-4 W. across a path 1650 ft. to a stone, Johnston's corner in Sledge's

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