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Program of North Carolina Road Building As Compared With Other States.

My Fellow countrymen, says Governor Bickett, will you consider the following facts and ask yourself "What is the matter with North Carolina?"

Why is it that Maine votes \$12,000,000,000 for improved highways and North Carolina none?

Why is it that Alabama provides a bond issue of \$25,000,000 for good roads and North Carolina none?

What do you think of the State of Florida with a six-year program to build 3,605 miles of hard surface roads at a cost \$300,000,000 and North Carolina none?

How do you feel when New York votes \$50,000,000 and Illinois \$60,000,000 for improved highways and North Carolina none?

Are you proud of the fact that Virginia plans a \$60,000,000 program to build 3,750 miles of road and your State none?

Are you gratified over the fact that Georgia is submitting a constitutional amendment providing for a \$50,000,000 program, when North Carolina has none?

Do you think your State is progressive, when Kansas proposes 10,700 miles of hard roads and North Carolina none?

Are you satisfied with the present conditions of your State, when Louisiana shows a greater percentage of finished roads than yours?

What do you think when Arkansas plans an \$80,000,000 program to build 7,220 miles of road and North Carolina none?

Are you willing for Missouri to outstrip North Carolina in a comprehensive plan of road building?

Can you expect to compete with Pennsylvania when she votes \$125,000,000 for bonds and North Carolina none?

The legislature of Mississippi is preparing to pass a \$50,000,000 bond issue for good roads, why should not North Carolina? Idaho has passed a \$15,000,000 bond issue, why can't North Carolina?

Tennessee is preparing a \$50,000,000 bond issue for good roads. Will we lag behind?

As a North Carolinian are you satisfied for your State to receive \$3,991,636.88 for 1919, while Kansas received \$8,000,000?

Do you expect to allow Alabama to receive \$5,772,197.26 Federal Aid, as against North Carolina's \$6,271,590.88, when North Carolina pays into the Federal Government \$101,258,158 Excess Profit Tax, as against Alabama's \$12,874,000, or more than any Southern State east of the Mississippi River. In other words, North Carolina pays approximately eight times as much money as Alabama and only receives \$499,399.62 more for road purposes.

Texas pushes ahead with \$150,000,000 road program, Oklahoma

and Tennessee are spending large sums of money to put their States out of the mud, while North Carolina sleeps.

If our Legislature does not provide us with a comprehensive State Highway System, and if we do not authorize immediately a sufficient state bond issue to build a state system of "hard surface highways," our sister states will receive the trade that we ought to receive and also, our Federal Aid funds and taxes, and North Carolina will not be able to develop her agricultural, commercial, and industrial interests. What shall your answer be?

Mr. A. W. Smith Appointed Clerk of the Court to Succeed Mr. O. L. Coffey, Resigned.

Mr. George M. Sudderth, who was appointed Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga County to succeed Mr. O. L. Coffey, resigned, by Judge Finley some time ago, refused to qualify, and, accordingly, upon the recommendation of our local bar, the appointment went to Mr. A. W. Smith, of Mable. Mr. Smith has not yet taken the office, or filed his bond, but this will be attended to on the first Monday in April, when he will be regularly inducted into the office. He arrived last week, and is acquainting himself with the work under the efficient tutelage of the retiring clerk. Mr. Smith is a companionable, likable fellow and has the qualifications that go to make an ideal Clerk, and we consider it a safe prediction that he will make a very acceptable officer.

Favors a County Agent.

Mr. Editor: I wish to add a few remarks to what Mr. C. J. Farthing had to say in a recent issue of your paper in regard to a county Demonstration agent.

I, too, am very anxious to see our county get out from behind and come up with practically every county around us in this thoroughly tested progressive step, for this is no longer an experiment, and no progressive county is doing without a good agent.

We surely do need a good, live agent in this county to aid us in doing good farming business according to progressive up-to-date methods, and, best of all, to aid the farmers in marketing their products collectively. We all know that we do not get the market prices for our products just because we lack some one to lead us in grading, packing and shipping in larger quantities, (car load lots.)

Now, some may say that we can not afford it, but I want to say if all other counties think they cannot afford to do without one, why, surely, we can't either. We are helping other counties all over the state with our taxes to have their necessary aid, so why not we have it, too, and I believe such an investment will pay large dividends. Farmers, talk about this with your neighbors and let's unite in asking our county commission for a live efficient, county agent.

W. W. WILSON.
Sweet Water, N. C.

Mable Items.

(Deferred from last week.)

Messrs. Marvin Thomas, Ola Eggers and Asa Thomas started for the West the 1st of March. Marvin returned to Idaho, and Ola and Asa to Kansas.

Mr. B. H. Grogan, our miller, was kicked by a pony and right seriously hurt, last week, but fortunately no bones were broken.

Mr. W. M. Reece, one of our merchants, has closed his grocery sale, but has plenty left to supply his customers.

Mrs. Mary Fletcher has been very sick for the past few days but is slowly improving at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Eggers of Powers, Oregon, arrived at Mable last week. The will return to their western home as soon as some business matters are attended to.

Mr. A. J. Campbell and family have all been very sick with the flu, but are now improving. There are several other cases in our section.

Successful Term of School Closes.

Mr. Henry Hagaman reports closing a very successful eight-months school in Rush Branch district, this being the second school he has taught there. Among the students there were four who never missed a word in spelling during the entire term. They were Misses Bulah Ward, Myrtle Herman and Lulah Ward, of

the fifth grade and Dixon Rowe, of the seventh.

The people are planning to build a large, modern school house in the near future to take the place of the one the school has outgrown.

FOR SALE—A stock or grain farm of about 80 acres in Laurel Creek township on Tom's Knob; log house and old orchard on it, a small strip of timber, lays well, can go all over it to haul crops or timber. Price \$6000. I shall very soon want to sell some timber. D. F. Horton, Villas, N. C. 3-18-20-c

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Good Grist Mill, Saw Mill and Planing Mill

The grist mill is known as the Stonewall Mills and is the best in the county. Here's a chance for some one to get a mill, together with a nice home. A small house with a tract of land will be sold with mill. The saw mill and planer are now in operation, being run by a turbine wheel.

Terms of the Sale: 1-2 Cash, Balance 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Years.

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