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## National Highway System

Following are eighteen reasons for a national system of roads, as given by a North Carolina good roads advocate:

First—Strengthens the common defense by construction of a second line of transportation which will furnish the nation with highways into all centers of production and encircling the United States.

Second—Stimulates interstate commerce by linking up connected highways which will make possible travel between states over highways of a uniformly durable type of construction.

Third—Waste eliminated by a decrease in highway transportation costs. On the basis of the report made by the joint congressional committee in 1912, it is conservatively estimated that at least \$500,000,000 can be saved annually through the decrease in transportation costs. Increased real estate valuations will add billions of dollars to the potential wealth of the nation.

Fourth—Decreased costs of food and other products to the consumer. Government statistics show that the cost of every pound of produce is increased because higher charges always exist with poor roads.

Fifth—Increased production which always follows as the farmer's marketing range is widened.

Sixth—Unification of government highway activities with a consequent elimination of duplication of effort.

Seventh—Great facilities for the use of the postal service in its rural delivery and its direct routes from the farm to the consumer.

Eighth—Release of state funds for use in the improvement of state highways together with release of county funds for use in the construction of county highways with a consequent building up of feeders to the main national system.

Ninth—Concentration of government funds upon roads of more than local importance with a view of establishing communication between the chief centers of agricultural and other industrial centers of production.

Tenth—Insurance provided against loss of government funds for highway construction by establishing a permanent system of maintenance which will lower reconstruction charges.

Twelfth—Concentration of government funds upon roads of a durable type which implies construction of highways which will meet the probable future traffic needs as well as those of today and further will make all year highway travel possible.

Thirteenth—Equitable distribution of the cost of construction among all the beneficiaries, that is, among all the citizens of the United States.

Fourteenth—Recognition of the major importance of highway construction as a national government task through the appointment of a commission directed to adopt a definite system and to build to it.

Fifteenth—Stimulation of travel to the recreational areas of the United States as part of the movement to "See America First" with its possibilities as a guide to settlement of the undeveloped areas of the United States.

Sixteenth—Educational value of government construction as a standard to be emulated by local communities.

Seventeenth—Relief of states from burden of maintenance of charges now imposed wherever Federal aid funds are employed

## Interesting Veteran of the Civil War Visits in Boone

This week we had a call from a Mr. H. J. Gorham, now an inmate of the old Soldiers Home at Johnson City, Tennessee, who by accident was here 56 years ago. He and a command had been captured in Virginia in one of the battles of Fredericksburg, and made their escape by jumping from the train near Greensboro, North Carolina, and made their way up the country by way of old Wilkesboro, traveling mostly by night, until they struck a big raid from Yadkin County, North Carolina, making their way to East Tennessee in order to get through the lines in East Tennessee following the course of the Yadkin River and Lewis Fork Creek, and on to Deep Gap of Blue Ridge, and then along the ridge to Bill Cook's, and there made headquarters for some days, waiting for matters to settle down and for the big raid to get out of the way—they having met trouble with the Confederate home guards and while trying to get out from Cook's settlement they were captured and brought to Boone and kept awhile. The two U. S. captive friends were tied together with several other prisoners who had been captured at or near the same time, with a bed cord which was cut in pieces to suit the occasion—ropes being scarce in that day—ropes were made by hand in Watauga county of toe thread.

The writer happened to be present and witnessed the tying of the men on that occasion. Mr. Gorham called on me at my home and spent a little while and took dinner with me and talked interestingly about the experiences he had in the war and other matters.

I must say I enjoyed the old gentleman's stay and talk and would be glad to see him again. He told me that his command had been dead for several years. One thrilling experience at Fredericksburg, Va, he told me of was that he barely escaped by stooping his head to the ground and a shell passed over, just missing him and stuck in the mud behind him and did not explode.

I am sorry to say he is right much disabled in his hips and legs by having been a railroad engineer for a number of years after returning from his term in prison life, which he said was hard, although he did not complain.

W. L. BRYAN.  
Boone, N. C. June 17, 1920.

## BIG PROFIT IN MILK AND BUTTER

Small Investment Brings Big Return—Mr. Weaver's Plan is Simple.

"I bought a package of Dr. LeGear's Stock Powders from my local dealer and after feeding it to my Jersey Cow, she increased from 6 quarts to 12 quarts of milk per day, and after continuing the powders for 30 days longer she increased in butter fat from five pounds to 10 pounds per week, and at the end of 5 months she was making 12 pounds of butter fat per week."—L. B. Weaver, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mr. Weaver followed advice of Dr. LeGear, and is money ahead. You can get the same results. Get Dr. LeGear's Stock Powders from your dealer, feed it to your horses, milk cows, sows, hogs, and sheep as directed. Satisfaction or money back.—Dr. L. D. LeGear Med. Co., St. Louis, Mo.

and at times constituting a serious burden upon the state.

Eighteenth—Strengthening of spirit of nationalism through closer communication between the peoples of the several states.

## Turning to the Church

(Charlotte Review.)

Men in political life are turning to the church as never before. The first thing the average candidate does is to announce that he is a member of such and such a church, and then begin a systematic lining up of the preachers, or all that will espouse his cause and make a campaign, a "drive" if you please for church membership.

We have always labored under the impression that the church of God was to save men's souls and get them into heaven—and not into political office.

Being a member of a church these days don't mean anything especially to the average citizen. He belongs because its popular or because its the thing to do and the mere fact that a man is an officer in the church is no criterion that he will make a good public official. All things being equal we had rather take our chances with a man who attends church regularly; but to boast of it for political preferment—well, we prefer to watch those gentlemen.

William, former emperor of Germany, had some such combination as that: "Me und Gott" and the combination didn't work so well. We've noticed that the saints are the ones most worried about getting to heaven and those who are first to say they are unworthy.

## The Making of Man

This is no child's play. It calls for wisdom, love, strength and infinite patience; and our God provides all in infinite measure, and we must learn to co-operate with Him. A silk hat, a dress coat, creased trousers and patent leather will never make a man, even if we throw in a Rolls-Royce and a million dollar bank roll. And Ph.D.'s and LL.D.'s and D.D.'s and all the earned and unearned honors of our schools cannot make a man. Love is the first essential and God sees to that by letting the mothers monopolize the child during its early years. Mental development and quickness of perception are necessary, and the schools and the college of experience provide these. Sympathy and gentleness are parts of the manhood, and so God sets us in families, and the home ties help to make us stronger and better men. And we need patience and the heavenly vision, and so God lets the winds blow and the tempest roar through human life, and out of the storm He develops strength, and through the rifts in the clouds He flashes the stars of heaven. God's anvils ring loudly, the hammers beat heavily, but He is forging men.—Christian Guardian.

## 80 Divorce Cases in One County

"At a recent term of civil court in Gaston County," says the Ashboro Courier, "there were 80 divorce cases on docket. A few years ago such a thing would have been almost unbelievable in North Carolina. The number of divorce cases throughout the state is growing with alarming rapidity.

"This is a matter that deserves the serious consideration of our people. There is danger of this evil undermining the foundation of our civilization—the American home. It is liable to destroy the fabric and fiber of our being."

WANTED—MEN OR WOMEN TO take orders among friends and neighbors for the genuine guaranteed hosiery, full line for men, women, children. Eliminates darning. We pay 50c. an hour spare time or \$24 a week for full time. Experience unnecessary. Write International Stocking Mills, Norristown, Pa. 1938

## Resolutions of Respect

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Watauga County Bank, held in the bank building on June 8, 1920, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, W. C. Coffey, who died March 8, 1920, has been the honored Vice-President of this institution since its organization, Now therefore be it resolved, that in the death of Mr. Coffey, The Watauga County Bank has suffered a distinct loss, the county a noble, upright citizen and the family a faithful husband and father.

2. That we offer to his friends and business associates this simple tribute to his memory.

3. That we extend to the bereaved family our sincerest sympathies.

4. That three copies of these resolutions be made, one to be filed with the records of this bank and spread on its minutes, one furnished to the family of Mr. Coffey and the other copy sent to the Watauga Democrat with request to publish.

This 8th day of June 1920.  
N. L. MAST, President  
L. A. GREEN, Vice President  
B. B. DOUGHERTY  
T. P. ADAMS  
J. W. HORTON  
J. H. MAST  
K. A. LINNEY  
Directors

## Information Free, Insurance Cheap!

If you want either, see, write, or call Geo. F. Blair, the insurance agent. Office in Bank Building, Blowing Rock, N. C. 3-25-20

## Tar Heel "Exiles"

New York long has boasted that more Irishmen live in that city than in Dublin. Norfolk is bragging on the fact that more North Carolinians live there than in Raleigh, the Tar Heel capital. The recent census shows some 31,000 North Carolinians living in Norfolk, while the total population of Raleigh is under 25,000. It is probable that some of the citizens of Raleigh were not born there. It is probable that 27 per cent of the population of Petersburg is from North Carolina, which is about the percentage of the population of Norfolk that came originally from the North State. There is no doubt that if the sons and daughters of North Carolinians who came to Petersburg to live be included the percentage of our population of Tar Heel blood is fully as great as Norfolk's. And it's "mighty" fine blood. It may be doubted whether the people of any two states of the union are quite so homogenous as are those of Virginia and North Carolina. Tar Heels themselves insist they are quite different from Virginians, but we have not been able to discover the difference.—The Portsmouth Star.

## For Register.

To the citizens and voters of Watauga County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for Register subject to the decision of the coming Republican Primary.

Yours truly,  
E. M. HARMON.  
Adv.

## NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE.

North Carolina, Watauga County, in the Superior Court, St. Lewis trimmed Hat Co. vs D. F. Main. By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Watauga County in the above entitled action, I will on Monday, the 5th day of July, 1920, at one o'clock P. M., at the court house door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution, all the right title and interest which the said D. F. Main, defendant has in the following described real estate, to-wit: Lying and being in North Fork Township, adjoining the lands of B. R. South and others, and beginning on a stake in Main's line; then with said line to a big rock near the public road, J. S. Trivett's line; then with said line to the public road; then with said road to a birch; then with the original line to a hornbeam; then up the ridge to a beech stump; then with said line various courses to the B. R. South line; then with said line to the beginning. For more complete description of same see deed from M. A. Main and wife to Eli South. This the 5th day of June 1920.

J. E. YOUNG, Sheriff.

**Dr. Wakefield Coming.**  
Dr. W. H. Wakefield and Dr. Harry A. Wakefield, both of Charlotte, will be at Blowing Rock on Saturday July 10th; Shulls Mills on Monday, July 12th; at Sugar Grove on Thursday, July 15th, and at Boone on Friday and Saturday, July 16th and 17th. The doctors limit their practice to the medical and surgical treatment of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Diseases and fitting glasses. They will be prepared to remove tonsils and adenoids. Ask your family physician about consulting the Doctors.

## NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as administrator of the estate of John W. Maine dec. all persons having claims against the said estate will present same within 12 months from the date hereof or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons owing said estate settle the same at once. This May 22nd, 1920.

R. F. MILLER,  
Administrator.

## Read this challenge—

by the Edison Laboratories, and come in to hear the phonograph which stands behind it!

We have it in our store—the Official Laboratory Model specified in the challenge.

Read the "Invitation to Talking-Machine Manufacturers." It's printed here, just as the Edison Laboratories sent it out.

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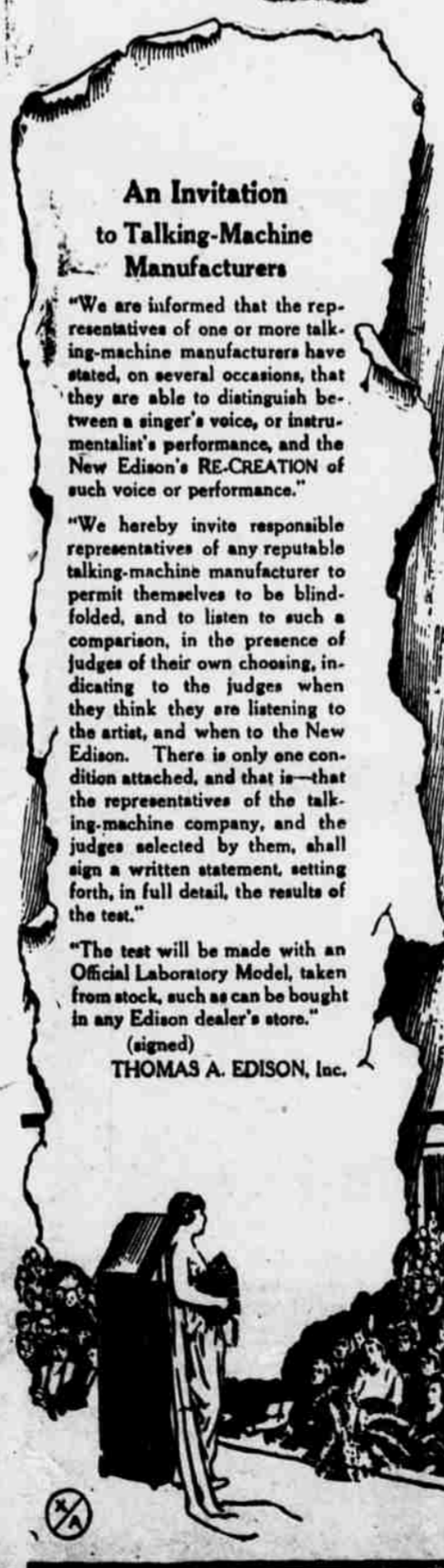
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The Official Laboratory Model has proved its Realism in 4000 Comparison Tests, made before 3,500,000 people all over the United States and Canada. For instance, in Los Angeles recently, an audience of 1,500 people was unable to tell the difference between the living voice of Miss Marie Morrissey, world-famous contralto, and its RE-CREATION by the New Edison.

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The price of the new Edison has advanced less than 15% since August 1, 1914. Mr. Edison has absorbed the bulk of the increased cost of material, skilled labor, and taxes. He is determined to keep the New Edison within the reach of everyone. But conditions may force a price-advance. Buy your New Edison now! Our Budget Plan makes it easy. It is system applied to spending. Ask about it.

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## An Invitation to Talking-Machine Manufacturers

"We are informed that the representatives of one or more talking-machine manufacturers have stated, on several occasions, that they are able to distinguish between a singer's voice, or instrumentalist's performance, and the New Edison's RE-CREATION of such voice or performance."

"We hereby invite responsible representatives of any reputable talking-machine manufacturer to permit themselves to be blindfolded, and to listen to such a comparison, in the presence of judges of their own choosing, indicating to the judges when they think they are listening to the artist, and when to the New Edison. There is only one condition attached, and that is—that the representatives of the talking-machine company, and the judges selected by them, shall sign a written statement, setting forth, in full detail, the results of the test."

"The test will be made with an Official Laboratory Model, taken from stock, such as can be bought in any Edison dealer's store."

(signed)  
THOMAS A. EDISON, Inc.