

## The Chowan Herald

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### Buck Passing About Right

Chowan County Commissioners were surprised, and rightly so, on Monday when Marvin Wilson and Geddes Potter, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, presented a request that a re-statement be made by the Commissioners that the No. 1 road project in Chowan County is improving the road running through Rocky Hock from Valhalla. As a matter of fact, the Commissioners several years ago adopted the Rocky Hock road as the No. 1 project and it so appears on the minutes. And that State highway officials knew about it is evidenced by the fact that a survey WAS MADE and some of the grading has been done, this work having been stopped shortly after the outbreak of the war, and it was thought by Chowan County people that war conditions were responsible for the work being stopped.

The Commissioners, as do many other Chowan County citizens, well remember the controversy which arose when the highway engineers coursed the road across the farm of W. E. Bunch near the Rocky Hock Church. The writer, too, remembers having a conversation with Carroll Wilson, then highway commissioner for this division, who said that the controversy might result in the State Highway Commission abandoning the project, so surely the Commission knew about the proposed improvement. It is also remembered that to ease the situation and secure the right of way across the Bunch farm, interested citizens in the section privately contributed money to pay for the damage done by cutting off a portion of the farm.

Now, however, highway officials apparently know nothing about the survey having been made or that it has ever been designated by Chowan County as the No. 1 road project.

Of course, Carroll Wilson has been replaced by Merrill Evans as Commissioner and T. J. McKim succeeds J. C. Gardner, who has since resigned as district engineer. Even so, what kind of a system is it if there are no records of what has been done and what was contemplated to be done in Chowan County by way of road improvements?

According to the way the writer understands it, it is now necessary for Chowan County to again designate the Rocky Hock road as the No. 1 project, and after having done that, a new survey will have to be made, in fact start all over again to get any recognition on the part of the Highway Commission, all of which appears very foolish, to say the least.

Chowan County, being under the impression that the work was stopped because of the war, and no doubt it was, heard nothing about the road until recently when the Chamber of Commerce prodded Merrill Evans to see when resumption of the work might be expected. Had it not been for this prodding, according to the present situation, it is doubtful if or when anything would have been heard about it.

The unfair phase of the situation is that after Chowan County complied with all requirements, and after some work has been done, it is now, from all indications, necessary to start from scratch and thus "stand in line" for a new survey, while other counties which had not made as much progress on projects as has Chowan will be first to get attention from the highway officials.

Yes, it was a surprise to the Commissioners and will also be a surprise to many Chowan County citizens, many of whom refer to the whole affair as a splendid specimen of buck-passing.

### Let's Get Together

That there is no little concern about progress made on a hospital for Chowan County is evidenced in a letter received by The Herald editor following some editorial comment last week about the project. This brief letter was received:

"Mr. Bufflap: Many of your friends are so pleased that you are reminding the Hospital Committee of their great slowness in getting our hospital on the way to building. Some have said they thought of withdrawing their pledges or even asking for the return of cash contributions if something isn't started soon. Hit it again this week, and hard."

Of course, to be fair, the writer is not a member of the hospital committee and is, therefore, not fully acquainted with progress to date, but a meeting of the hospital directors was called Monday to be held Wednesday night, at about the time The Herald was being prepared for the mail. It may be altogether possible that this meeting was for the purpose of reporting some definite plans.

However, over a year has elapsed since sufficient contributions were secured to assure a hospital. Of course, it is only fair to remind contributors that no small amount of preliminary work had to be done, and was done, and it is also a well known fact that building materials, because of war-time conditions, are hard to get. But, withal, before any construction work can be done, it is necessary to have a site and the war has had nothing to do with that phase of the hospital.

It is unfortunate that more progress has not been made in this direction, for apparently it is causing many of the contributors to become disgruntled and it is to no good of the proposed hospital to hear whisperings that some contributors are becoming so dissatisfied that they are considering cancelling their pledges or asking for their contributions to be returned. This, indeed, is an unfortunate situation and The Herald hopes it will not materialize, for such action or any other unnecessary impediment to the ultimate construction of the hospital would no doubt cause the late Mr. Warren, who worked so hard and successfully to secure the necessary funds, to turn in his grave.

## HEARD & SEEN

By "BUFF"

This is another week when last minute advertising has robbed me of my space, but I must somehow get in an idea advanced by my friend, the Rev. Harold Gilmer. He's been reading so much about a location for the United Nations Organization and says Edenton can make a bid for this honor by offering the late Dr. Drane's study in the Episcopal rectory yard. The study will accommodate about 10 persons, but Mr. Gilmer says three of 'em will run the thing so that there would be ample space for that many. Well, let's ask 'em and get on the map, even if they do not accept.

Not only has my column been just about crowded out altogether, but quite a few news stories had to be held out this week which makes me not only very unhappy, but near about "nuts."

Just about enough room left to remind you of the approaching infantile paralysis drive and the Victory Clothing Collection. Let's put both over in a big way.

### SERVICE GROUP MEETS

The Willie Evans chapter of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Center Hill and Evans Methodist churches will hold its first meeting of the year Saturday afternoon, January 12, at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Z. W. Evans.

Officers elected for the year are: Miss Lillian Turner, president; Mrs. J. S. Turner, vice-president; Mrs. J. T. White, secretary; Mrs. J. G. White, treasurer; Mrs. M. P. Whichard, chairman Christian Social Relations.

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OR

# "A Finger in the Pie"?

**Which is the UAW-CIO really after? Is it seeking facts—or new**

**economic power? Does it want to know things—or run things?**

**These questions concern you as well as General Motors.**

For years the facts about General Motors have been made public.

In spite of this, the UAW-CIO demands a chance to look at our books, with the hint that we could meet Union demands "if the truth were really known."

We have firmly declined to recognize this as a basis for bargaining:

## 1. The Full Facts are Published

How much General Motors takes in each year—how much it pays employees—how much it pays to stockholders—how much it pays in taxes—how much net profit we make—and many other facts are plainly stated in annual reports and quarterly reports.

These are broadcast to 425,000 stockholders from coast to coast—sent to newspapers and libraries. Additional copies are free for the asking.

## 2. All Figures are Thoroughly Checked

Every General Motors annual statement is audited by outside auditors. Similar figures are filed with the Securities & Exchange Commission.

Does the UAW-CIO honestly believe that General Motors would or could deceive these experts?

## 3. Basis of Collective Bargaining is Defined

The Wagner Act lays down the rules for collective bargaining. These cover such areas as rates of pay, hours of work, working conditions.

No mention is made of earnings, prices, sales volume, taxes and the like. These are recognized as the problems of management.

## 4. Something New has been Added

The obvious fact is that the UAW-CIO has gone beyond its rights under the law—and is reaching not for information but for new power—not for a look at past figures, but for the power to sit in on forecasting and planning the future.

A "look at the books" is a clever catch phrase intended as an opening wedge whereby Unions hope to pry their way into the whole field of management.

It leads surely to the day when Union bosses, under threat of strike, will demand the right to tell what we can make, when we can make it, where we can make it, and how much we must charge you—all with an eye on what labor can take out of the business, rather than on the value that goes into the product.

## 5. This Threatens All Business

If the Union can do this in the case of General Motors, it can do it to every business in this land of ours.

Is this just imagination? Union spokesmen have said, "The Union has stated time after time that this issue is bigger than just an ordinary wage argument, that it is bigger than the Corporation and bigger than the Union."

For Labor Unions to use the monopolistic power of their vast membership to extend the scope of wage negotiations to include more than wages, hours and working conditions is the first step toward handing the management of business over to the Union bosses.

We therefore reject the idea of a "look at the books" not because we have anything to hide but because the idea itself hides a threat to GM, to all business, and to you, the public.

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