

## Adequate Funds To Finance Road Program In State

### Sparger Speaker at Oil Men's Meeting In Ply- mouth Tuesday

S. Gilmer Sparger, executive secretary of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee, said at Plymouth Tuesday before a dinner meeting of oil men from Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, Chowan and Bertie counties that available highway revenues are adequate to finance an ambitious road building program over the next three years, if used exclusively for road purposes.

C. E. Ayers, chairman of the Washington County Petroleum Industries Committee, presided and introduced the speaker.

J. H. Conger of Edenton, chairman of the local committee, attended with a representative group of oil men from this county.

Speaking before this group, Mr. Sparger declared, "There will be available during the next three-year period for highway construction, maintenance, debt service and administration, more than \$200,000,000. This figure is based on annual receipts from the State gasoline tax of \$41,000,000, motor vehicle registration fees of \$16,000,000 and Federal aid of \$11,000,000. The only thing necessary is to make sure of appropriate legislation that these revenues are spent exclusively for road purposes. To do otherwise would not only be a travesty on good judgment and sound fiscal policy but a breach of trust with highway users who pay out annually millions of dollars in gasoline taxes and motor vehicle registration fees for better roads and highways."

"The average automotive tax bill," he continued, "amounting to more than \$100 per vehicle in North Carolina, is among the highest in the country. In fact, the motor vehicle owners in this State paid more on the average in state gasoline taxes, state motor vehicle fees, federal gasoline taxes and other federal excises during 1946 than in all except three other states throughout the nation. As compared with the average for the

United States, the North Carolina average is about \$25.00 per vehicle per year higher.

"At the same time," Mr. Sparger concluded, "North Carolina citizens are less able to bear a heavy load of taxation than are citizens of most other states. This is shown by recently compiled Bureau of Census figures which show that North Carolina ranked 41st among the states in per capita income."

### Mrs. Martha Baker Passed Away Friday

Mrs. Martha Perry Baker, 72, died at 1:45 o'clock Friday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Antonne Davenport, in the Yeopim section, after an illness of three weeks. A native of Perquimans County, deceased was the widow of the late J. L. Baker.

Surviving are one son, Eugene Baker, and three daughters, Mrs. Arthur S. Hollowell, Mrs. Dallas L. Jethro and Mrs. Antonne Davenport, all of Edenton. Two brothers, Joseph Perry and Timothy Perry, both of Perquimans County, and three sisters, Mrs. W. J. Baker of El Paso, Texas, Mrs. J. H. Barber of Winfall and Mrs. A. A. Harrell of Edenton also survive.

Mrs. Baker was a member of the Yeopim Baptist Church. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Quinn Funeral Home at 3 o'clock with W. J. Berryman officiating. Interment was made in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Henry Jordan, Travis Jackson, Will Jethro, Pete Sawyer, Earl Outlaw and Lloyd Overton.

### MARY HARVEY AT COLUMBIA FOR WORKERS' CONFERENCE

Mary E. Harvey, 814 North Oakum Street, a North Carolina school supervisor, was one of 40 educators attending the Cooperative Work Conference for Curriculum Workers from July 19 to 23 at Teachers College, Columbia University. This conference, one of several held in conjunction with the six-week summer session, had as its theme "The Curriculum of Tomorrow."

#### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks to kind friends and neighbors for the beautiful cards and flowers. Also for fruits and kindness rendered during my illness at the hospital.

MRS. BENNIE P. MONDS.

## Carlton Now Public Relations Director For 30th Division

### Complimented By Cap- tain Harrison For His Work at Fort Bragg

Sgt. Peter Carlton, while at Fort Bragg with the Edenton Cannon Company, was appointed director of public relations for the 30th "Old Hickory" Division, which called for taking pictures and rewriting stories which came in from the various regiments and companies. Carlton worked under the direction of Captain George W. Harrison, public information officer of the division.

Shortly before breaking camp, Captain Harrison announced that Sgt. Carlton had been assigned permanently to the public relations office. In making the assignment, Captain Harrison said:

"In making recommendations for the future it is recommended that the division public information be organized and ready for work at least two weeks prior to encampment in order that the highest order of success may be attained. It is believed that a fair degree of success has been attained and much of this success may be attributed to the splendid work of Sgt. Peter Carlton of the Cannon Company, 119th Infantry Regiment. It is recommended that Sgt. Carlton be assigned permanently to the public information office."

## R. S. Marsh Checks On 4-H Club Projects

### Corn Appears Unusual- ly Good; Peanuts Dusted

The second application of sulphur dust was put on 4-H Club boys' peanuts last week. A check was made in each field by Assistant County Agent Robert Marsh to determine how serious the leafspot is. In all fields

checked this disease seems to be fairly mild up to the present date. The rains last week will increase the disease considerably.

Several visits were made by Marsh to 4-H Club boys who have an acre of corn as a project. Most of the visits which were made were to those boys who are growing NC-27 hybrid corn. Their corn is showing up unusually good, and most of the stalks have two ears. Very little suckering was noted in the corn, and apparently this corn is not bad for producing suckers. Several club boys have an acre each of Dixie 17 corn and this is also showing up well. According to official yield test reports which were made in 1947 by the N. C. Crop Improvement Association and the State College Extension Service, the Dixie 17 and NC-27 varieties were the highest yielders.

Kelly J. Byrum of Ryland has a very nice purebred Spotted Poland China gilt as a 4-H project this year. His gilt is from the first litter of Lewis Chappell's sow. Mr. Marsh said he hopes to get more 4-H Club members to raise better swine and livestock in Chowan County.

### Cannon Company Returns Sunday

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for a more harmonious civilian life, whether it be in the family or in the world of everyday business."

First Sergeant Skinner White had a recurrence of a jungle foot infection which he acquired while in the Pacific during the last war, and spent all but a few days in the hospital on the camp. Stencil Davenport obtained the benefits of army medical care and a foot operation on two ingrown toenails which he had been troubled with before arrival at camp. As part of the benefits of a Guardsman on active duty, he received all this care free of charge. Sergeant Skinner White reported that the hospital personnel was surprised at the attention and solicitation shown the sick Guardsmen by company officers and officers of the regiment and division.

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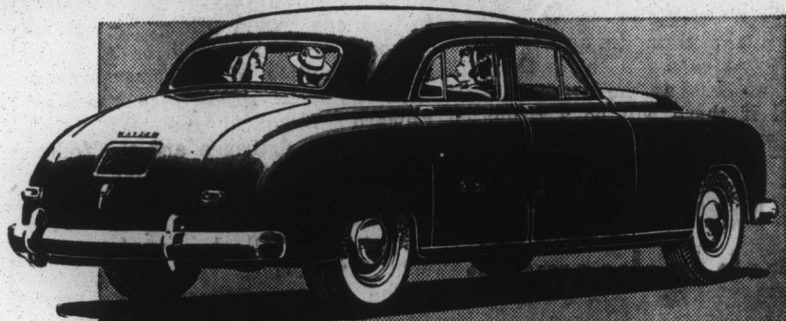
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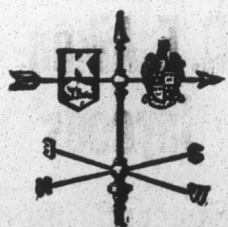
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