

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FINISHES ONE-HALF OF GOV. SCOTT'S PAVING GOAL

Half Way Point Passed at End of Two Years; Work Moves Faster In Some Counties Due To Number of Reasons

The State Highway Commission has finished exactly one-half of Governor Scott's requested 12,000-mile paving goal under the \$200,000,000 bond issue program, Highway Chairman Henry W. Jordan has announced.

The half-way point was passed simultaneously with the end of two years of service by eleven Scott-appointed highway commissioners who went into office on May 1, 1949. They inaugurated the secondary road program immediately after a special referendum the following month.

Reports from ten highway divisions made public last week show that 6,036 miles of farm-to-market roads have been hard-surfaced and another 9,825 miles stabilized for all-weather travel during the last two years. The mid-state Sixth Highway Division, under the direction of Dairyman George S. Coble, led all other sections of the state in miles of road paved. The Sixth reported 1,002 miles hard-surfaced through March 31, 1951.

Close behind the leader in total mileage finished were the Seventh Division, centering on Charlotte-Salisbury-Wadesboro, and the Third, encompassing the Fayetteville-Wilmington area.

At least five counties—Hoke, Robeson, Scotland, Montgomery and Richmond—have passed their projected paving goals during the two-year period, the reports revealed. This means these counties and others will exceed the mileage promised them when the program began.

Construction work in some sections of the state has moved faster than in others due to administrative and operational policies, weather conditions and terrain. Eventually, each county will get its pro rata share of the bond money authorized as the program moves to a conclusion during the next two years.

As of April 1, 1951 the Commission has expended \$83,241,000 of the \$125,000,000 in bonds issued and allocated another \$29,862,000 to specific projects. Additional bonds will be sold during the early summer.

HERE TONIGHT
There's a vacant ramp on the runway;
There's a place in our Squadron
that's quiet;
One crew went down o'er the target;
And there's an empty tent here
tonight.
We took off at sunrise this morning
prepared to meet fighters and
flak.
Nine planes were sent from our
Squadron, but we had only eight
to come back.

The planes flew close in formation; we
had but a few miles to go;
But just in sight of the target Hell
broke loose down below.
Flak came up in barrages, making
clouds of smoke all around;
And I saw the plane right beside us
burst into flames and go down.

The nose turned up when it hit them;
Then she spinned and went into a
dive;
I knew the ten men that were on her;
'And none could have come out alive.
Somewhere on the shore of Italy, a
bomber crew died for what's
right;

They went down like hundreds of
others so there's an empty tent
here tonight.
Those boys were at one time 'Civilians,
happy at work and at play;
But along came the war with its
sorrow, and they died for their
country today.

There's hundreds of others that's
flying o'er targets, on bomber
crews;
So help them out 'Civilians;
'And realize, they're fighting for
you.

These boys are sweating out targets;
'And it's all for the American way;
They're facing the flak and fighters;
So the least you can do is to pray.
I'd like to ask every 'Civillian, and
Christian who tries to live
right;
To remember, while praying to
Heaven, that empty tent here
tonight.

178 Receive Old Age Help During April

During the month of April 178 persons in Chowan County received old age assistance with \$4,468 being dis-

tributed. Twenty-three cases of aid to dependent children received \$924, 15 blind aid cases received \$464 and one aid to permanently and totally disabled person, \$20.
General assistance was given to eight persons amounting to \$219.54. Other financial assistance included four cases hospitalized in the county and three cases hospitalized outside the county.
Service cases included two adult parolees under supervision, four received veterans rehabilitation in co-operation with the Department of Public Welfare, four persons received free eye examinations through the N. C.

State Commission for the Blind, one child labor certificate was issued and 23 children received individual service.

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VFW AND YOU

BY JIMMIE CHURCH

Editor's Note—The following was crowded out of last week's issue of The Herald.

Note: All views and information given in this column are those of the writer and not VFW. The writer is responsible for any error that might be made.

I wrote the following poem after a bomb mission when based in North Africa. Do these boys and others not deserve some type of memorial?
One thousand dollars of taxpayers' money has been appropriated for this purpose in Chowan County. Is it not time to use this money and at least honor William H. Coffield, Jr., and the other Chowan County boys who gave their lives that we might live? I ask this question to the public?
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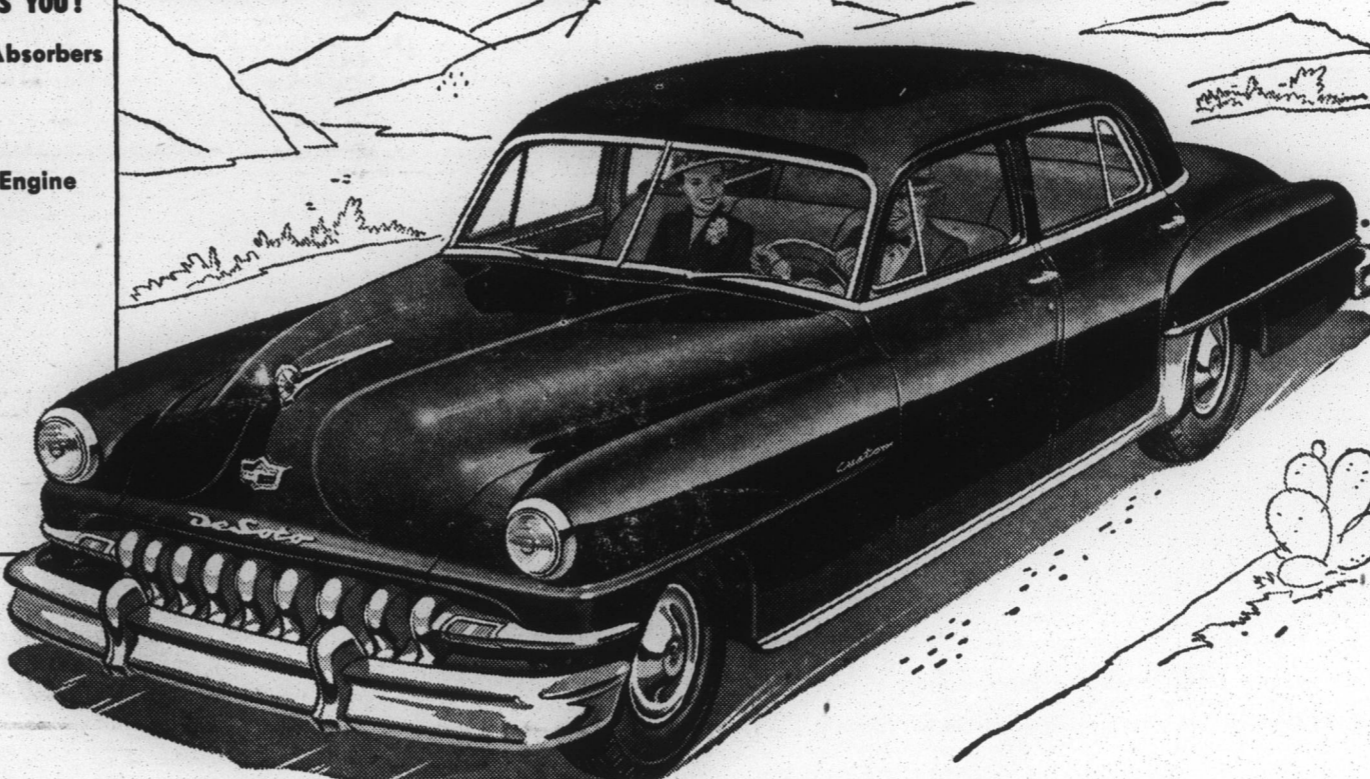
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