

Primary Road Improvement Projects Approved Which Will Cost From 40 To 50 Million

The State Highway Commission has released a long list of primary road improvements, major urban projects, bridge work, resurfacing and minor road improvement projects to be undertaken during the next three years, when and if funds become available.

Included in the long-range plans approved by the State Highway Commission at its March 3 meeting in Raleigh are 65 projects which will involve the expenditure of between \$40 and \$50 million.

In releasing the list of projects, Highway Director W. F. Babcock said the list represents approximately one-third to one-half of the highway improvements to be eventually scheduled during the next 36 months. Other projects will be considered by the Commission at its March 27-28 meeting in Wilmington.

Among the major primary road improvements scheduled for construction during this period are the building of a four-lane divided highway along U. S. 17 from the city limits of New Bern southwestward to the Jones county line.

Eleven projects have been included for major bridge work during the next 36 months. These

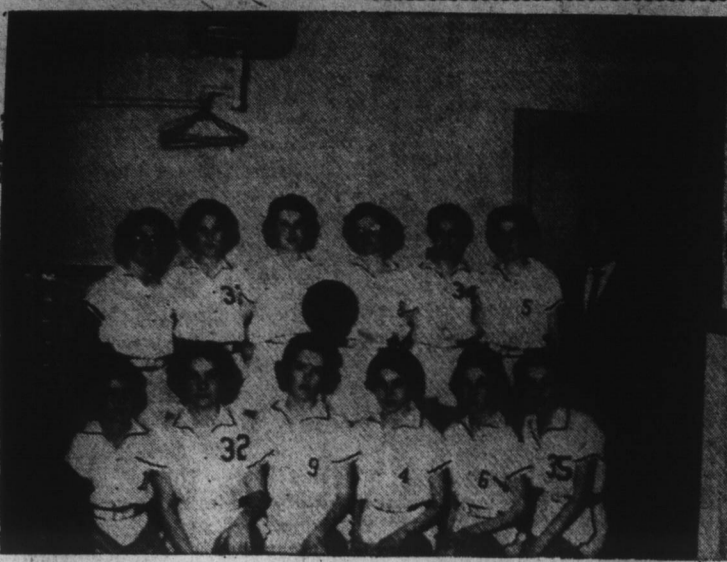
include the construction of a new drawspan for the Currituck Sound Bridge between Point Harbor and Kill Devil Hills carrying traffic on U S 158.

In the Elizabeth City area, a traffic study will be made for a possible relocation of U S 158 in Elizabeth City, as well as the possible construction of a by-pass or revision of the existing by-pass on U S 17 in Elizabeth City. Consideration will be given to the construction of a bypass around Hertford on U S 17, as well as a possible relocation of U S 13 to bypass the town of Ahoskie.

In announcing the major projects for the next three years, Highway Director W. F. Babcock emphasized the need for long-range planning in selecting for major improvements those primary highway segments which are considered generally inadequate for present and future traffic volumes and the uses made of the highways.

"This list is not a complete one," said Babcock, "and we will give additional consideration to other long-range plans at the Wilmington meeting. It may be necessary to conduct complete surveys on some of the projects prior to programming them for early construction."

Chowan High Girls Win Championship



Chowan High School's girls' basketball team, pictured above, under Coach Gilliam Underwood, were tournament and seasonal winners in the Tidewater Athletic Conference. Standing, left to right, are Emily Leary, Kay Hare, Barbara Jordan, Sarah Bunch, Lynda Copeland and Coach Gilliam Underwood. Kneeling, left to right, Patsy Privott, Jackie Asbell, Margaret Raines, Margie Evans, Janet Faye Hendrix and Karen Raines.

people reflect a definite concern about unemployment but shows no signs of panic. This is to our credit because the attitude of a people means much in this effort to isolate the recession damage and restore the economy.

Additional Soil Bank Funds For 1958 Participants

A. C. Griffin, Chairman of the Chowan County ASC Committee, reports that most farmers who wanted to take part in the 1958 Acreage Reserve of the Soil Bank, but could not file signed agreements because of fund limitations, will apparently be able to sign up at the county office in the near future.

Both the Senate and the House of Representatives have approved a supplemental appropriation of 250 million dollars to provide for additional acreage reserve participation. This will bring the total to 750 million dollars for the 1958 program. Because agreement on some detailed program provisions must still be reached in House-Senate conference, Congressional action on the supplemental appropriation is not yet complete. As soon as final action is taken, the county committee will get the "go ahead" for completing the sign up. Preliminary steps have been taken by the State ASC Committee to prepare the way for immediate action when the supplemental funds are authorized.

In addition to farmers who have already filed signed agreements, which were in general covered by the initial appropriation for the acreage reserve, other eligible farmers will be in position to take part in the enlarged program. These will include those whose names are on "waiting list" registered at the County Office, and possibly others where there is evidence that they made an attempt to participate during the sign up period.

It is expected that in general funds will be available to take care of all farmers who indicated that they would take part in the program if it was enlarged.

Public notice will be given promptly when the county ASC office is ready to sign additional acreage reserve agreements. Chairman Griffin says that in the meantime the County Office will be prepared to furnish general information but that farmers should not attempt to sign up agreements until official announcements are made.

Merchants To Study Sunday Retail Sales

Between now and May 15 a special committee of the N. C. Merchants Association will make a study of the Sunday retail sales problem in this State and report its findings, along with any recommendations, to Roy Phillips, president of the organization.

A preliminary report on the matter presented to the board of directors of the association last week by Executive Vice President Thompson Greenwood said that "it has been suggested that we should consider taking some action regarding Sunday selling and to encourage local retail organizations to do so. Information reaching our offices from various sources seems to indicate the situation will worsen if it continues in the present direction; and vigorous leadership is needed in the study of the problem."

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. James O. Monds of Tyner announce the birth of a daughter, Angela Nadine Monds, born Saturday, March 1, at the Chowan Hospital. Mrs. Monds is the former Miss Jeanette Chappell of Belvidere.

NO COMMENT
By JAMES W. DOWNEY

Washington — All indications point to April as the month of decision by the Eisenhower Administration on whether to seek tax reduction legislation.

According to the present outlook, the decision would be based on the reports of economic conditions in March and on the amount of government revenue shown by the April 15 income tax returns.

An important segment of industry and leaders in government believe that the nation's economy would be best served—irrespective of the present recession—by enactment of the Sadlak-Herlong tax reform bill. This would lower personal and corporation income tax rates to a minimum of 42 per cent by a series of annual reductions spread over five years.

Rate reductions are provided for all groups of taxpayers, and the legislation would permit accumulation of investment capital which in turn would stimulate the nation's economic growth in the years ahead.

However, unless Administration officials and members of Congress are convinced of the desir-

ability of enacting this legislation they might back other proposals which would be less advantageous—or downright harmful—to the economy.

Labor leaders are going all-out in urging approval of their program for income tax reduction almost entirely in the low bracket rates—which would provide no investment capital for creating jobs for future generations of workmen.

Cut Non-Essential Spending—New increases in prospect for defense spending make more urgent the necessity of intensifying the campaign for reducing other types of federal spending.

Activity of the economy forces in Congress along this line was encouraged by a recent statement from former President Herbert Hoover, who also advocated tax reduction to aid economic recovery.

Needless to say, his views—based on long experience—are listened to with respect by a large number of persons in official Washington. Here are his exact words:

"There are some old and proved wonder drugs useful both to prevent inflation and to speed recovery from recession. The most useful of these economic wonder drugs is the elimination of waste and the reduction of non-essential federal spending until we have a balanced budget.

"We should cut government expenditures not only to provide for additional weapons and balance the budget, but also to the point where we have a tax reduction.

"This would be the greatest possible stimulant to recovery."

Not only to save money but also to increase efficiency, he urged adoption of the recommendation of the Hoover Commission on organization of the government. Industry, in general, supports these recommendations.

Labor Legislation Prospects—The consensus on Capitol Hill is that the McClellan Committee investigation of Walter Reuther's activities may well determine whether there is any substantial labor legislation enacted at this session of Congress.

Glaring disclosures of illegal violence, vandalism and boycotting by the United Auto Workers union in the Kohler and Perfect Circle strikes might stir up pub-

lic demand for remedial legislation that would be difficult for Congress to resist.

There is widespread feeling, however, that any major legislation will be deferred until next year—one reason being that the McClellan Committee's final report probably will not be made in time for congressional action this year.

It is recalled that a public shocked by union excesses in 1946 brought enactment of the Taft-Hartley Act in 1947.

Easter Services For Every Faith In Old Jerusalem

More than seventy-five special services, ceremonies, and processions are held during Easter Week in Old Jerusalem, Jordan, by Catholic, Protestant, and Eastern rite churches.

Easter visitors to Old Jerusalem can worship, according to their faiths and inclinations, at quiet sunrise services at Bethany, during devotional walks along the Via Dolorosa, in the Garden of Gethsemane, or at Pontifical High Mass in front of the Tomb at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

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Washington — Officials have been jolted into a realization that the recession has reached a point where aggressive action is required.

Points of View
I am supporting the view that the acceleration of projects for which funds have already been authorized and appropriated is the sensible approach to immediate positive action. Another view, supported by some Administration spokesmen, exalts a tax cut and less public works as the most desirable remedy. A good case can be made for some tax relief. I am concerned about what will happen to the unemployed. A tax cut for a person who has no job is purely an academic question.

Where We Stand
As a nation this is where we stand now, according to figures released by the Departments of Labor and Commerce. Presently unemployed are 5.2 million, the jobless being 6.7 per cent of the total labor force of our country, compared with 5.8 per cent for January of this year. February figures project the number of unemployed beyond the highest peak of jobless in the 1954 recession and about the same as the economic dip in 1949 on a percentage basis. But the total number of jobless is reported to be

at the highest mark in 16 years. Although we must take into consideration that some blame can be put on the unusually bad weather during February, it is nevertheless greatly disturbing to hear that the jobless figure rose by nearly 700,000 during February. Looking at the brighter side of the picture, there are now 61,988,000 people employed, and I think that thoughtful and positive action on the part of our country can halt the down-turn. It is in this belief that I voted for the acceleration of authorized civil and military projects rather than pursuing a policy of waiting to see what will happen. In my judgment it is far better to take preventative steps now rather than wait until our economy is flat on its back.

Tragedy of the Jobless
It is a tragedy when a person is honestly seeking employment and can find none. The lesson of the depression of the early thirties should be clearly remembered by our country; the toll of a depression is so severe that it must not happen again.

North Carolina
Industry and labor in North Carolina deserve great credit for helping to continue our economy on a more normal plane than some other areas of our nation. The mail I have had from the

TAYLOR THEATRE
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Thursday and Friday, March 27-28—
Walt Disney's "BAMBI" —also—
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Saturday, March 29—
Double Feature
Dale Robertson in "HELL CANYON OUTLAWS" —also—
Elena Verdego in "PANAMA SAL"

Sunday and Monday, March 30-31—
Alan Ladd and Dianne Foster in "THE DEEP SIX" WarnerColor

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 1-2—
Double Feature
John Agar and Audrey Totter in "JET ATTACK" —also—
Michael Connors in "SUICIDE BATTALION"

Coming . . . April 3-4—
Ferin Husky in "COUNTRY MUSIC HOLIDAY"

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Saturday and Sunday, March 29-30—
Rock Hudson in "SOMETHING OF VALUE"

Monday and Tuesday, March 31-April 1—
Double Feature
Fats Domino in "SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROCK" —also—
Louise Blake in "DRAGSTRIP GIRL"

Wednesday and Thursday, April 2-3—
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