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STATE NEWS IN DIGEST COMPILED FOR READERS OF THE HERALD

In an election held at Mount Airy last week for school bonds, the women voters turned out in large numbers and carried the election by a large majority for the schools.

The North Carolina Press Association will hold its annual mid-summer meeting in the new Bedworth Hotel at Morehead City, during the month of August, according to a recent decision of the executive committee, in session at Raleigh.

News dispatches from Kinston indicate that crops in that section are good, and that many farmers will retrieve the losses on their crops of the past year.

Mrs. Sidney Cooper, of Henderson was last week elected as the head of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, at the annual convention held at Wrightsville Beach.

North Carolina Elks held their annual convention in the city of Goldsboro last week, and they were given royal entertainment by the convention city.

The street railway company of Raleigh has petitioned the State Corporation Commission for an increase in car fare, the rate being asked eight cents.

Judge W. C. Harris, of the Municipal Court at Raleigh, has recommended that the Capitol Hotel at that city be closed by the city commissioners. The proprietor of the hotel has been arrested for allowing immoral practices to go on within the hotel.

Sixty-five white women and five negro women took the examination at Raleigh last week for registered nurses.

Jim and Mitchell Sharpe, who are in the Halifax County jail charged with the abduction of two young ladies of Roanoke Rapids, will ask that the trial of their cases be removed to another county, owing to the feeling against them in Halifax.

The teachers school at Boone, N. C., began last week, with a large enrollment.

President Wright, of the East Carolina Training School, in his talk to the graduating class last week, stated that the remedy for lawlessness was more and better trained school teachers to teach higher ideals of living and citizenship.

The Dunn Chamber of Commerce, in a protest filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, states that the watermelon crop in that section will be almost a total loss, owing to the high transportation charges.

A Wake County jury, in its report to the court authorities last week, recommended that the solicitor draw up bills of indictment against the person or persons responsible for the "un-speakable conditions" existing in the city jail of Raleigh.

C. H. McBride and E. J. Yates, of Washington, D. C., both connected with the Interstate Commerce Commission, were drowned at Wrightsville Beach, while in bathing last Wednesday.

Dr. Peacock, who was on trial for murder in the first degree for the killing of the Chief of Police of the town of Thomasville, was declared not guilty by a Rowan County jury at Thomasville this week, on the grounds of temporary insanity at the time of the killing. The widow of the dead man, and another man who was wounded by Dr. Peacock are suing the latter for damages.

Senator Gilbert Hitchcock spoke to the graduating class of Trinity College at the annual commencement exercises last week.

North Carolina community workers of the State Welfare organization are planning a huge pageant to be staged on Roanoke Island some time during the current summer. Many newspaper men and others will go down to the island and help stage the pageant, which will portray the life on the island during the days of the Indian. Moving pictures will be taken of the events.

The town of Carthage, according to the Moore County News, is proud of its new town commissioner, who is Mrs. N. A. Blue.

Former Lieutenant Governor E. L. Daughtridge, of Rocky Mount, died last Sunday. He first introduced the bill in the State legislature, creating the State Department of Agriculture. Besides being a prominent public citizen of the State, he was a "dirt" farmer and large land owner.

A. J. Honeycutt, prominent merchant of Wake County, was convicted for the second time, on charge of receiving stolen goods, the conviction being in the Wake County Superior Court this week. He was sentenced to serve five years in the Federal penitentiary.

According to W. C. Thomas, of the Smith-Hughes Tobacco Company, of Greensboro, who has just returned to his home from an extensive European tour, business conditions in that country are very discouraging.

The State meeting of the Christian Endeavor Societies met in Wilmington the first three days of this week.

The State Corporation Commission has declined to grant another hearing to the Southern Bell Telephone Co.

On Thursday of this week Governor Morrison will receive a delegation of mayors of North Carolina cities. The mayors are asking for a special session of the legislature.

Thomas E. Holding, Jr., young druggist of Wake County, was freed Tuesday on the charge of receiving stolen goods, knowing that they were stolen. At the first trial which was held a few months ago, he was found guilty.

Mosquito experts of the Federal Department of Health, have begun their campaign against the pests in the northeastern section of the State, which is disastressed with the recent increase that was granted them.

Durham County will build a cottage for indigent children at the Stone wall Jackson Training School at the town of Concord.

Work on the outing camp for women near Asheville is being rushed. Mrs. T. W. Bickett, who is one of the officers of the training unit, has arrived on the scene, and is superintending the work. The camp will open one time during the month of July.

The Baptist Mountain Assembly for North Carolina will be held at Ridgecrest this year, beginning July 27, and continuing through the 5th of August. Many prominent Baptists will take part in the assembly.

Both the peach and dewberry crops of Moore County are a success this year, both as to production and as to prices received.

The 126th Annual Commencement of the State University is being held at Chapel Hill this week.

Three native North Carolinians who have been away from the State for several years, have returned this year to take up their duties as professors at the State University. They are James Finch Royster, who will teach Biology; Louis Graves, who will head the department of journalism; and R. D. W. Connor, who will become the Kenan professor of Philology.

Optometrists of North Carolina are holding their annual State Meeting in Greensboro this week.

Judge T. D. Bryson, superior court judge, holding a term of court at the city of Winston-Salem, charged the grand jury to see that the prohibitory laws were strictly enforced; stating that a very large per cent of the present day crime was directly traceable to whiskey.

Col. Albert Cox, of Raleigh, has been chosen as the head of the alumni Association of the North Carolina State University.

Statesville voted to issue \$150,000 worth of school bonds this week. No opposition was registered against the bonds.

Ray-Mc-Tinn's Mills infection.—adv.

"THE OLD SWIMMIN' HOLE"

(By JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY)

Oh, the old swimmin' hole! where the crick so still and deep
Looked like a baby river that was laying half asleep,
And the gurgle of the water 'round the drift jest below
Sounded like the laugh of something we onc' ust to know
Before we could remember anything but the eyes
Of the angels lookin' out as we left Paradise;
But the merry days of youth are beyond our control,
And it's hard to part forever with the old swimmin'-hole.

Oh, the old swimmin' hole! In the happy days of yore,
When I ust to lean above it on the old sycamore,
Oh, it showed me a face in its warm sunny tide
That gazed back at me so gay and glorified,
It made me love myself, as I leaped to caress
My shadder smilin' up at me with such tenderness.
But them days is past and gone, and old Time's tuck his toll
From the old man come back to the old swimmin' hole.

Oh, the old swimmin' hole. In the long, lazy days
When the humdrum of school made so many runaways,
How pleasant was the journey down the old dusty lane,
Where the tracks of our bare feet was all printed so plane
You could tell by the dent of the heel and the sole
They was lots o' fun on hand at the old swimmin' hole.
But the lost joys are past. Let your tears in sorrow roll
Like the rain that ust to dapple up the old swimmin' hole.

Thare the bullrushes growed, and the cat-tails so tall,
And the sunshine and shadder fell over it all;
And it mottled the water with amber and gold
Til the glad lilies rocked in the ripples that rolled;
And the snake-feeder's four gauzy wings fluttered by
Like the ghost of a daisy dropped out of the sky,
Or a wounded apple-blossom on the breeze' controls
As it cut aerost some orchard to'rds the old swimmin' hole.

Oh, the old swimmin' hole! When I last saw the place,
The scenes was all changed, like the change in my face;
The bridge of the railroad now crosses the spot
Where the old divin'-log lays sunk and ferget,
And, I stray down the banks where the grees shelter me,
And, I wish in my sorrow I could strip to the soul,
And dive off in my grave like the old swimmin' hole.

STATE ROADS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN ALL SECTIONS STATE

Counties Are Furnishing Money for Building State Highways

EIGHT'N MILLION DOLLARS

Practically Every County of the First District Has Approved Roads Except Hertford and Gates—Work Will Begin in Other Counties At Once and Be Completed

Immediate construction on 482 miles of roads in North Carolina, costing over seven millions of dollars, has been ordered by the State Highway Commission, and much of the road will be completed and put into service before the end of the year. Every district in the State, and almost every county in the State, is included in the list of projects approved for immediate construction.

Altogether the commission has approved the building of more than 18 million dollars worth of road, with a total of more than 1,000 miles, since reorganization was effected following the enactment of the new road legislation by the last session of the General Assembly. Limitations of material supply and construction forces make it necessary that some roads be given preference.

A near as possible, construction will proceed simultaneously in each of the nine districts, with an equalized distribution of the State money. Many of the counties in the State have come in under the Guilford-Forsyth resolution, and in some instances this fact gives one district a larger immediate mileage than others. Particularly is this true of the Sixth district, which

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LOCAL ATTORNEY MAKES A GREAT SPEECH IN VIRGINIA

Hon. W. R. Johnson, of Ahsokie Delivers An Address at Phoebus, Va.

WAS CLASS DAY ORATOR

Speech by Local Attorney Declared by School Authorities To Be the Best Ever Delivered There—He Was in Fine Fettle and Won Great Applause

The following article will be of interest to the people of Hertford and Bertie counties, proving, as it does, that we not only have fertile soils for crop-growing, but that we also have a good mill for grinding out distinguished orators, whose fame is heralded to the distant lands.

The following account of an address by Hon. Walter R. Johnson, appeared in the Newport News, Va., daily papers of last Friday:

"The Wonderful Opportunities" coming to the children in the public schools were brilliantly brought out last night at the commencement exercises of the Phoebus Graded schools by W. R. Johnson, a prominent lawyer of Ahsokie, N. C., who was the orator before the graduating class. The exercises were held in the theatre at the National Soldiers' Home, and were attended by an immense audience.

Mr. Johnson, who is a brother of Luther L. Johnson of Phoebus, and a lawyer of prominence in the old North State, was in fine voice and his address was declared by the school authorities to have been one of the

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HERTFORD COUNTY WAS HOST TO HIGHWAY OFFICIALS WEDNESDAY BONDS FOR ROADS

Good Roads Are Discussed and Commissioners Call An Election

HALF MILLION DOLLAR BOND ISSUE FOR ROADS

Miss Berry, Attorney W. L. Cahoon and Commissioner Hart Make Addresses to Hertford County People on Good Road Wednesday—"Lost Colony" of North Carolina Will Be Reclaimed by the Construction of A Highway Leading to Other Sections of the State

With two women voters of the county present, and the courthouse about two-thirds filled with the male population of the county, a good roads conference was held in Winton Wednesday, beginning at half past eleven o'clock in the morning. Commissioner Hart, of Tarboro, and Attorney Walter L. Cahoon, attorney to the State Highway Commission, and Miss Harriet Berry, of the Good Roads Association, were in attendance at the meeting and all made speeches before the Hertford County audience. Senator Stanley Winborne, of Murfreesboro, acted as chairman of the meeting, introducing all of the speakers.

Miss Berry was the first to address the voters and she told her hearers just a portion of what she knew about roads. She stressed the importance of improved roads, and their vital relation to the progress of the State and of the county. She pointed to the Sand Hill section of the State as a concrete example of what good roads meant to a community. There, she pointed out, roads had opened up one of the richest possibilities of the entire State, in the adaptation of the peach growing industry; and today that is one of the richest spots in the State—simply because a few good roads were constructed into those counties, and discerning business interests could go in and develop the hidden possibilities.

She also pointed to the other counties of the State that were building good roads, and the amounts they were spending for roads Hertford County, she said, was fortunate in that she had already a good foundation for roads; pointing out that the cost of construction here would be less than in the far eastern counties or in the western counties.

Attorney Walter L. Cahoon, of Elizabeth City, followed Miss Berry; and throughout his talk of about twenty minutes, he recited facts about North Carolina, about this northeastern section of the State, and about Hertford County, which, if they were not starting to the wary, proved convincingly the imperative necessity of building roads that would unleash this section often referred to as "The Lost Colony of North Carolina." One fact recited by Mr. Cahoon was that North Carolina was the only State in the Union which filled in every blank in the last census report, thus evidencing that this State was the most versatile of all states in the Union. Mr. Cahoon was eager to carry home the idea that this lost colony was soon to be linked up with the rest of the State; and he stressed the importance of the bridging the Chowan River at Winton, and provide an avenue by which this section might get in closer contact with the other part of North Carolina. He also told of the efforts now being put forth in his county to do their share in providing the link of roads, and invited Hertford County to join in with the other counties in building this road and bridge.

Commissioner Hart in a most practical manner, then, told the gathering something about what the State Commission was doing, and what they intended to do in road building. In the beginning, he emphasized the necessity of a greater interest among the women of the county, and, although himself an opponent of woman suffrage, he pointed out that this matter of roads and the carrying of a bond issue for highway construction could be done by eliciting the support, the enthusiasm and the hearty cooperation of the women voters of the county.

In a plain, business-like way, Mr. Hart explained that the State Commission could not sell its five per cent bonds today; and thus, he said, county road building was dependent, upon the immediate present, upon the individual counties. He told the Hertford County people that, in order to secure immediate construction of roads, they must raise funds within the county, and loan it to the Highway Commission, which would build the roads, refunding every cent of the money to the county within four installments, covering a period of four years. This plan, he said, was meeting with hearty response from many of the counties all over the State, who were ready for roads, and counties that were willing to co-operate to that extent, in order to secure their share of the State roads. And, Mr. Hart said, these counties would be the ones to get the roads first.

Commissioner Hart was enthusiastic about the prospect of these eastern counties receiving their due from the State, for, said he, they had been too long neglected. Their money had been carried to Raleigh and spent in the more progressive counties, instead of being applied here, he said. This very thing, according to Mr. Hart, was no longer to be true, so long as he was commissioner of the roads in the eastern district. In this connection he called attention to the fact that this district has the largest allotment of any district for the first year's road building program. He was anxious, eager, and enthusiastic over the coming emancipation of eastern North Carolina, in the matter of road building.

Churches, Schools, and Good Roads he linked together; and stated that religion was vitally connected with good roads, for, attendance upon the church services was increased in a good roads section—and the same was true of schools. He could not blame the person for sleeping in church, after bumping over roads like the one between Ahsokie and Winton over which he had just ridden. The same, he said, was true of the children attending schools.

The one great desire of his life, he stated, was to build a bridge across Chowan River at Winton, and thus redeem the "Lost Colony" of North Carolina. He spoke feelingly at this juncture, saying that there was only one thing on this earth on which he wanted his name printed—he wanted HART written on that bridge. And, he reiterated, "I am going to build that bridge." He would make neighbors of Hertford and Gates people; and have all alike become North Carolinians in something besides political boundaries. With roads through the seven counties beyond the Chowan, and a bridge over the river, North Carolinians would be made out of the population of that section, the section whose people are now and have been more nearly Virginians.

This successful business man and extensive farmer firmly impressed the voters present in the courthouse, and concluded his heart-to-heart talk in an outburst of appreciative and enthusiastic applause.

Attorneys A. Pilston Godwin, of Gates County, and J. H. Matthews, of Bertie, made short talks, in which they pledged their counties in the cooperative effort to secure good roads for this section.

After the lunch hour, the Hertford County commissioners met in the courthouse, and, in open session, issued a call for an election to be held on July 26, at which time the voters of the county will be given an opportunity to vote on a Five Hundred Thousand Dollar Bond Issue for roads.

Read your home paper and keep up with your neighbor.