

# Vote for Road Bonds and Stop the Waste

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## STATE NEWS IN DIGEST COMPILED FOR READERS OF THE HERALD

—Officials of Raleigh have been forced to reduce its fiscal appropriations to the amount of \$111,000 on account of the invalidity of the 1921 Municipal Finance Act.

—Governor Morrison left this week for Asheville where he will make his summer home.

—The North Carolina Master Printers Association held a two day meeting at Wrightville Beach this week.

—R. O. Everett, cotton manufacturer and North Carolina legislator, returned last week from an extended tour to England and other European countries. He attended the World Cotton conference in London while on his trip.

—T. C. Gorham, prominent citizen and business man of Rocky Mount, died at his home early Monday morning.

—Ruthledge Field, of New York City, son of Mr. Alex J. Field, former editor of the State Journal at Raleigh, was drowned at Morehead City last week, while fishing. He was buried in Raleigh on Monday.

—A fire in the business district of Roanoke last Monday caused a damage of nearly \$100,000.

—Several automobiles have been smacked out of a deep creek near the city of Raleigh. It has developed that the cars found in this creek were driven overboard in order that the owners might collect insurance.

—The town of Ayden voted on Monday by a majority of 95 to issue \$50,000 worth of municipal bonds for the purpose of paving the streets of that town.

—Permanent officers of the new Virginia-Carolina Peanut Exchange will be elected at a meeting to be held on or about the 10th. of August.

—State Fair officials state that over \$30,000 additional has already spent this year for further premiums and for new additions to the fair grounds.

—Mrs. Clarence Johnson, new State Superintendent of Public Welfare, is making great progress in the matter of lining up the Woman's Clubs of the State to aid her in her work.

—The Eastern North Carolina tobacco markets will open the current season on the 6th of September. Much interest is being manifested in the opening of the South Carolina markets this week; and many North Carolina tobacco men will attend the opening of the markets in that state.

—Thos. E. Holding, Jr., druggist of Wake Forest, is in court again. This time he will answer three different charges lodged against him by Edgar B. Andrews, of Raleigh, in whose home Holding was caught early last Sunday morning, when the head of the family came in on a morning train.

—The State Highway Commission announced last week that dependable road signs would be placed along the entire route of the new State highway.

—The Dunn school district voted on last Wednesday to issue \$200,000 in bonds for the construction of a new school building and to make other improvements to the school plant.

—Through freight service, via barge, to northern cities will soon be inaugurated at Elizabeth City, if present plans do not go awry.

—State Treasurer Lacy has refused to refund money paid by the foreign automobile concerns for license taxes. He acted on the advice of the State's attorney general.

—Traffic officers of Wake County deny the statements made by the Charlotte automobile association that they are arresting entirely too many speeders on the highways in that county. Only those who exceed the limits as prescribed by the state laws have been arrested, according to Justice Owen and officer Mangum.

—The Southern Presbyterian church is conducting a school of Missions at Montreat, North Carolina.

—Thos. J. Harkins, prominent Repub-

lican of Asheville is expected to be made first assistant to Frank A. Linney, who has been nominated to be district attorney for the Western district of North Carolina.

—2,430 persons were given their initial "shot" in the campaign against typhoid in Wake County. This number breaks all records to date.

—David Clark, editor of a textile paper at Charlotte, has charged New England textile manufacturers with aiding and abetting the strike of textile workers in the factories of North Carolina.

—Ten boys and girls, members of county clubs in Catawba County, last made a net profit of \$2,813.72 last year, according to recent figures.

—Elizabeth City is in the midst of a campaign to raise funds for the beginning of a community hospital at that place.

—Evidences of the advance of the boll weevil have recently been seen in both Anson and Union counties of the State.

—The Elm City school district voted last week to issue \$75,000 bonds for school purposes.

—John L. Casper, former liquor manufacturer of Winston-Salem, has left for Mexico, where he now owns and operates a large liquor still.

—Trustees of the North Carolina State College at Raleigh have voted to inaugurate a commercial course at that college, beginning with the session to open next September.

—Only \$17,800 worth of State bonds were disposed of at the public sale held at the State Treasurer's office in Raleigh last Friday. The balance of the issue will be sold at private sale.

—Only a little more than one hundred thousand auto license tags had been issued in this State up to last Saturday night.

—Large preparations are being made by the inhabitants of Roanoke Island apropos the pageant to be staged there soon by moving picture promoters.

—North Carolina's new Highway Engineer has announced that all of the roads making up the proposed State Highway system will be taken over for maintenance by the State on or before the 15th. of August. The state will from thenceforth have entire control over these roads.

—Robeson County commissioners, instead of making a flat reduction of real estate values, have made an entire new appraisal of lands for the 1921 valuations.

—Judge Bond, speaking from the superior court bench in Raleigh last week, urged a government controlled entirely by the white race.

—C. M. Justice of Asheville has been recently appointed chief of the revenue agents of the entire United States.

—Unable to borrow money or to sell bonds, road commissioners of Union county threaten to discharge the convicts now at work on the county road, and suspend all road work in the entire county.

—In a play-off with Richmond on Monday of this week Wilson lost the game of baseball that would have given her the first half of the pennant race. As a result of that game Rocky Mount has been declared the winner of the first half of the series.

—Money has been secured for the immediate construction of a bridge across the Roanoke river at Edwards ferry in Northampton County. When this project is completed the distance to points beyond the river will be considerably shortened for those living in this section of the state.

—Judge J. Bis Ray has been dubbed the "Casey Jones" of the North Carolina judiciary, he having at one time been a railroad engineer.

—Charles Overby of Raleigh, out of a job and despondent over the fact that his wife was in a hospital to undergo an operation, committed suicide on last Sunday.

## ROAD BONDS---NO INCREASE IN TAXES

YEAR	INTEREST	BONDS	INT. & BONDS
1	\$30,000.00	\$16,666.00	\$46,666.00
2	29,000.00	16,666.00	45,666.00
3	28,000.00	16,666.00	44,666.00
4	27,000.00	16,666.00	43,666.00
5	26,000.00	16,666.00	42,666.00
6	25,000.00	16,666.00	41,666.00
7	24,000.00	16,666.00	40,666.00
8	23,000.00	16,666.00	39,666.00
9	22,000.00	16,666.00	38,666.00
10	21,000.00	16,666.00	37,666.00
11	20,000.00	16,666.00	36,666.00
12	19,000.00	16,666.00	35,666.00
13	18,000.00	16,666.00	34,666.00
14	17,000.00	16,666.00	33,666.00
15	16,000.00	16,666.00	32,666.00
16	15,000.00	16,666.00	31,666.00
17	14,000.00	16,666.00	30,666.00
18	13,000.00	16,666.00	29,666.00
19	12,000.00	16,666.00	28,666.00
20	11,000.00	16,666.00	27,666.00
21	10,000.00	16,666.00	26,666.00
22	9,000.00	16,666.00	25,666.00
23	8,000.00	16,666.00	24,666.00
24	7,000.00	16,666.00	23,666.00
25	6,000.00	16,666.00	22,666.00
26	5,000.00	16,666.00	21,666.00
27	4,000.00	16,666.00	20,666.00
28	3,000.00	16,666.00	19,666.00
29	2,000.00	16,666.00	18,666.00
30	1,000.00	16,666.00	17,666.00

### "BONDS AND INTEREST PAID OFF IN 30 YEARS"

The table above explains in figures (and figures do not lie) how Hertford County can issue \$500,000 road bonds, construct a system of county roads, maintain them for a period of thirty years, retire one bond each year, and pay the interest, without any increase in the present road tax rate in the County. Including bridge work, practically \$60,000 will be spent out of the 1920 taxes for road purposes in Hertford County, and a like amount will no doubt be spent annually, regardless of the bond issue, for road and bridge purposes in this County. With this expenditure the taxpayers have been getting in return only mud holes, ruts, and so-called roads that during the winter months are almost impassable, and even under the most favorable circumstances our roads are detrimental to any and all vehicles that have to use them.

With this annual \$60,000 tax, Hertford County can pay the interest on unpaid bonds, retire one bond each year for thirty years, and still have a balance at the end of each year. Road officials say it will require practically five years in which to economically spend the total of the bonds, and thus give Hertford County a complete system of dependable highways. At the expiration of this 5-year period, five bonds will have been paid off, the interest on the unpaid balance paid up year by year; and withal, there will still be sufficient funds left in the Treasury to maintain the roads constructed by the bond issue. By reference to the table above, it will be seen that \$41,666 will pay interest and the sixth bond, leaving practically \$18,000 for maintenance on the very first year after the completion of the county roads. Each year thereafter a still larger amount will be left on hand from the regular road taxes to use for maintenance.

These are facts and can be readily revealed to any one who will take the time to consult the tax records of the County. Notwithstanding the repeated assertions of some, the records will show; and if further proof is required, look up the records. **VOTE FOR BONDS AND SAVE WASTE!**

### COAST LINE PICKETS TRIANGLE

The court-litigation famous "Triangle" of land, lying next to the A. C. L. Railway in Ahoskie, was on Tuesday of this week picketed by the railroad men. Posts of about three feet height were placed along the railroad's right-of-way; and the space will be prohibited to the use of the automobiles which have been wont to line up dangerously near the railroad track. Hereafter motor vehicles will be forced to keep their distance.

### Notice of Registration

The registration books for Ahoskie Township will open on Friday, July 15th, and will remain open until the 6th. of August, 1921, for the registration of all voters, otherwise qualified, who expect to cast ballots on the Road Bond Issue of August 17th. Under the call of election a new registration is ordered, and it is necessary for all to register in order to vote. This 14th day of July, 1921. Paul W. Holloman, Registrar, Ahoskie Township.

## CHAIRMAN STATE HIGHWAY SPEAKS ON ROAD BONDS

### CHAIRMAN FRANK PAGE SPEAKS IN THE COUNTY

Miss Berry, of the North Carolina Good Roads Association Also Speaks to Voters—Mr. Page Pleads With Voters to Vote for Road Bonds, and to Stop the Waste of Money on Roads, Under the Present Road System

Chairman Frank Page, of the State Highway Commission and Miss Harriet Berry, Secretary of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, were in Hertford County last Friday and Saturday. Both made talks to audiences of the county's citizens, in connection with the campaign now on for a \$500,000 bond issue for the construction and maintenance of roads in Hertford County. They spoke in Murfreesboro Friday night; at Winton Saturday morning, winding up in Ahoskie on Saturday afternoon, at half past 3 o'clock.

The speaking here was held in the open, next to Baker and Harrell's market. A large audience, composed of farmers, a Harrellville delegation, and citizens of the town, gathered around to hear the talks on the proposed bond issue. Miss Berry was the first to talk, outlining briefly her observations gleaned from several visits here, of Hertford County, its resources, natural advantages respecting agricultural possibilities, and the outlook for one of the very richest agricultural counties of the State. She emphasized the fact that a good county system of roads was needed to place the county at the top of the column as respects progressiveness and agricultural leadership.

Miss Berry, emphasizing what she had previously said to our citizens at a meeting held in Winton some weeks ago, told her hearers that of all counties Hertford was the most fortunate in the matter of materials for road construction, and the topography of the land made drainage comparatively easy. These two factors, she continued, would make road construction in this county come cheaper than in other counties, both to the East and to the West. She spoke but briefly concluding by introducing Mr. Page as the man upon whose shoulders had fallen the greatest task ever undertaken by any man in the State—that of constructing the State Highway system, under the provisions of the 50 Million Dollar Bond Issue recently floated by the North Carolina General Assembly.

Mr. Page, speaking only about fifteen minutes, urged the body of voters present to get out and work for the passage of the bond issue, and assure for the county an adequate road system, which would reduce hauling expense from 68 cents per mile to 20 cents per mile, using figures compiled by statisticians and accepted as correct and exact. He asserted that this matter of issuing bonds for road building was the only way by which roads could be constructed. Only two classes, said Mr. Page, oppose bonds for progress. These are the people who do not understand the bonds, and some of the large land owning class who are afraid they will have to pay a little more taxes than the other fellow. The first class, according to Mr. Page should have the matter explained to them and the lat-

### CHOWAN WILL REMAIN A STANDARD COLLEGE

By a unanimous vote of the trustees of Chowan College, at a meeting held in Ahoskie on Wednesday, the Junior College idea for Chowan was thrown overboard; and, this Baptist institution will henceforth remain a Standard Four Year College for girls.

Dr. R. T. Vann, of the Board of Education of the State Baptist Convention, presented the plan to make Chowan a Junior College. Following his talk, the loyal alumnae of Chowan who were present at the meeting, fired a series of questions at Dr. Vann and kept him busy for some time attempting to offer some measure of satisfaction to the former students of the institution. Dr. Vann finally despaired of his job and left the meeting to catch the afternoon train. Before he left, however, President Preston Vann, of the College, made an earnest talk in behalf of the college, and plead with the trustees that they settle the matter at once, believing a failure to do so would seriously hamper the work of the college for the approaching session. President Vann was emphatic in the belief that Chowan would lose much of its loyal support if made a Junior College. Resolutions by the Murfreesboro Chowan Club were read by Mrs. R. B. Watson.

Following the open session the trustees took a vote on the matter, with the result above stated.

### LAWN PARTY LAST FRIDAY

A large and happy crowd of men, women and children gathered around tables and in groups on "No Man's Land," in Ahoskie, last Friday evening; and helped to make the lawn party, sponsored by the Mothers Club, an enjoyable community affair. Many of the town's singers formed a party that delighted the crowds with singing popular ballads and old time songs. Two cakes were auctioned off by lawyer Billy Rogers; and much of the cream and cake was sold. In fact the ice cream gave out before the demand had been supplied. The proceeds from the sale of cream, and the two cakes will be used by the Mothers Club to help defray the expense of supplying the town with the garbage cans.

The happy party was brought to a sad close, when one of the automobiles leaving the party, ran over a pet dog and ended his days on earth.

ter man should rightfully pay the larger amount of taxes because he receives the greater amount of benefit from the roads. He also cautioned against letting politics into an election for bonds.

The Highway Chairman made it plain to the voters that the State would build and maintain about 40 miles of the county roads. He emphasized this fact, and dispelled the notion harbored by some that the \$500,000 would be used to build the State Highway. The proposed bond issue, he reiterated, if for the construction and maintenance of county roads, leading into the State Highway, in order that farmers not living on the State Highway might have an equal advantage with those residing on the state roads. The state will build her roads, will pay for them, and will maintain them.

In the course of his speech, he told the chairman of the County Commissioners that he believed an injunction would hold against them were they to continue to waste money by the old time method of spending annually about fifty or sixty thousand dollars on the county roads, and receiving nothing in return for the people's money. He did not censure the county authorities for this state of affairs, but he plead with the voters to change the old plan, vote bonds, capitalize their annual road tax, and provide means for real road building. He also pointed out how this could be done without any increase in road taxes, referring to the table published in the HERALD last week. The same figures are in this issue on page one.