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SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 10

The public schools of Franklin County will open its doors for the 1934-35 season, Monday, Sept. 10th. The largest enrollment in the history of the County is expected. The number of teachers this year is based upon the average daily attendance of last year. The following figures should be of interest to the people of the County: In 1933-34, there were 105 white teachers and 73 colored teachers employed. For 1934-35, we have employed 104 white and 76 colored, the white schools losing one, and the colored schools gaining three. The teacher load in the white schools last year was exceedingly heavy and the load this year will, of course, be increased with one teacher less. It will be necessary for same of the classrooms to have from 50 to 60 children. The patrons are urgently requested to make every possible sacrifice to get their children in school the first day and keep them there regularly unless providentially hindered. In this way only can the number of teachers and therefore the efficiency of the work be increased.

The following teachers have been employed and contracts filed for 1934-35:

White

Louisburg—W. R. Mills, Vivian Allgood, Katherine Rogers, N. C. Barefoot, W. A. Huggins, Louisa Jarman, Edith Bradley, Mrs. A. B. Perry, Mary J. Best, Mrs. Raymond Bailey, Mrs. Susie H. Jackson, Mrs. Alice J. Uzzell, Louise Joyner, Mrs. A. B. Incoe, Alberta Davis, Helen Smithwick.

Epsom—George Crawley, Delphus Dark, Bessie Martin, Sue Boddie Macon, Leona Raynor, Della Mitchell, Agnes Harrell, Mary Wise Davenport, Selema Mullen, Vivian Cooke.

Gold Sand—W. O. Reed, Mrs. Joe Pearce, Lillie Harper, Elizabeth Johnson, V. E. Jennings, Mrs. Eva U. Person, Ruth Parrish, Fannie Gupton, Mrs. M. E. Williams, Mrs. Margaret R. Gupton, Lois May, Mrs. Annie U. Perdue, Mrs. M. E. Bledsoe.

Wood—Mrs. John Neal, Mary Dickerson, Adelaide Duke, Pattie Beasley.

Edward Best H. S.—R. E. Miller, Annie Miller Harris, Annie Marie Jackson, David Fuller, Cornelia Grissom.

Hickory Rock-White Level—Eva Cooke, Christine Sledge, Mrs. Mark J. Hayes, Wilma Murphy, Mrs. K. S. Parrish, Ruby Lee May, Marion Lancaster.

Justice—R. E. Timberlake, Mrs. C. M. Moore, Marion E. Bazemore, Mrs. Ruby M. Stone, Mrs. B. F. Wheelless, Inez Richardson.

Bunn—S. L. Bowen, Martha Cline, Nellie McGirt, Janie Belle Johnson, Evelyn Sherwin, Euphemia Bryan, Lucille Johnson, Lucy Wiggs, Lola Leonard, Mrs. Eugenia R. Crawford, Dorothy Knox, Mrs. J. E. Cheves, Beth Brantley.

Pilot—C. C. Brown, Roslyn Hollingsworth, Rachel Cone, Olive Wester.

Pearce—B. B. Parrish, Gerald Turnage, Darnell Phillips, Nonie B. Hollingsworth.

Harris—M. T. Lamm, Mrs. M. C. Wilder, Eunice Wrenn, Elizabeth Wilson, Mozelle Ray, Mrs. Pattie L. Justice, Catherine Pearce.

Youngsville—W. F. Mitchell, Mary Lois Parker, Mildred Winston, L. M. Adcock, Mrs. Florence S. Freddy, Thelma Roberts, Estelle Strickland, Mrs. Mamie P. Winston, Beatrice Hill, Effie Tharrington, Mrs. W. T. Moss, Mrs. Susan C. Green, Clellie Massey.

Colored

Pilot—Marie B. Heggins, Gethsemane—C. C. Clarke, Gertrude Thomas, Wyatt Malone, Emily Fuller.

Jones Hill—Addie B. Perry, Nevalia M. Yarbrough, Annie Joe Ridley.

Rock Springs—Eura Lee D. Alston, Novella Crudup.

Phelps—Duval Winston, Royal—Eura Lee C. Smith, Perrys—Emanuel Wilson, Chiora Ellis, Magie Neal, Annie Q. Warren, Bessie Arendell.

Little Mill—Ellen Alston, Bettie Grissom, Priscilla Murray, Hayes—Mabel C. Yarbrough, Josephine Johnson.

Mt. Grove—Minnie L. McCown, Nib Thomas—Christine A. Fuller.

Gillfield—Louise Bullock, Louisburg—James E. McNair, Mary Louise Hill, Lucille Watson, Elizabeth Baptiste, Carmen McKnight, Mary R. Littlejohn, Madie L. White, Annie Dean Mitchell, Readie Harris, Ruth Mayfield, Ethel M. Syms.

Shady Grove—Lurepena E. Alston, Louise Perry, Fords Chapel—Lucy Yarbrough, Youngsville—Thos. M. Alston,

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Cotton Farmers To Meet Next Wednesday

Cotton farmers of Franklin County and particularly those who have been connected with the Cotton Cooperative Association are being called upon to attend a meeting of much more than ordinary interest at Louisburg on Wednesday afternoon of next week.

The meeting has been called by L. Bruce Gunter, of Fuquay Springs, who is the director of the Cotton Association from the Fifth District composed of the counties of Wake, Franklin and Warren. He is also Vice-President of the Association.

The Cotton Cooperative Association has recently had a change of management and all cotton farmers will be interested to know more about it. Mr. Gunter has been very closely identified with these changes and he will give an interesting account of what has been done and also what members may expect of the Cotton Association under its new management.

Mr. M. G. Mann, of Raleigh, who has been made General Manager of the Cotton Association will attend the meeting and will explain the plan of operation for the handling and sale of this year's crop of cotton. Mr. Mann is also Manager of the Farmers' Cooperative Exchange which has recently been organized and he will explain how farmers may save money on the purchase of their supplies by patronizing this new organization.

Both Mr. Gunter and Mr. Mann are very interesting speakers and they have a matter to discuss which is of vital importance to every farmer in Franklin County. The meeting should be attended by an overflow crowd. It will be held in the Court room at 2:30 in the afternoon unless otherwise arranged. Ladies are invited and requested to attend.

Similar meetings will be held at Warrenton, August 23 and at Raleigh August 24, at the same hour.

J. H. BOONE RE-ELECTED

Mr. J. H. Boone, Franklin County's efficient Tax Collector, was re-elected to succeed himself at the regular meeting on the first Monday. His election was made unanimous, without opposition, which is quite a compliment.

The Times regrets the fact that our reporter failed to catch this item in the minutes of the Commissioners in its report last week.

Recorder's Court

Three cases were disposed of and one continued in Franklin Recorder's Court Tuesday. In the absence of Prosecuting Attorney Chas. P. Green, Mr. E. C. Bullock is looking after the interest of the State and making a splendid prosecutor. The docket as disposed of was as follows:

Edward Winston, assault with deadly weapon, continued.

Lumina Williams and Willard Finch, larceny and receiving. Williams plead guilty and was given 90 days on roads. Finch plead guilty and was given 60 days on roads.

Charlie Young plead guilty to carrying concealed weapons, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

J. J. Horton plead guilty to operating automobile intoxicated and was given 60 days on roads; upon payment of \$50 fine and costs, execution of the road sentence to issue only upon order of this court, defendant not to operate car for 90 days.

MR. PERSON HOST

Friday evening James M. Person was host at a dance. The affair was in celebration of his birthday. Guests enjoyed dancing and playing cards until a late hour. Punch and wafers were served during the evening.

Numbered among those present were Miss Lydia Person, sister of the host, and Misses Mamie Davis Beam, Marguerite Tonkel, Mildred Tonkel, of Clarksdale, Miss: Elizabeth Taylor, of Greensboro; Mary Anna Clifton, Beverly Vann, of Franklin; Athalia Boone, Carolyn McGhee, Mary Coleman Henderson, and Sara Alice Morris of Franklin; Carey Howard, Neil Allen, Harold Tonkel, William Lee Beasley, Allen Cobb, McKinnis Pearce, Felix Allen, Thomas Wheelless, Jo Farrar Allen and Ben Holt, of Salisbury.

The best of men are generally men at their best.

TOBACCO PRICES CONTINUE UPWARD

Lower Grades Made The Greatest Advances On Tuesday's Sales

Already at the highest point in many years, tobacco prices made further advances on the South Carolina and border belt markets Tuesday.

The lower grades, which previously had shown the least increase over last season, made the biggest advances. Unofficial averages put the general average up around \$24 a hundred.

AVERAGE OF 26.06 IS MADE AT LUMBERTON

Lumberton, Aug. 14.—The Lumberton tobacco market reached the highest average of the season today when it sold 202,254 pounds for an average of \$26.06 per hundred. The market was strong on all grades with good quality lugs selling best. Many farmers average \$40 to \$45 for their entire loads.

UPWARD SWING IN PRICES STILL HOLDS IN WHITEVILLE

Whiteville, Aug. 14.—Holding steadily its upward swing in prices and with all grades of the bright leaf going off at satisfactory figures the Whiteville market yesterday sold 417,382 pounds for an average of \$23.92. Today's offerings were somewhat lighter and sales were completed in the early afternoon but figures for today's sales are unavailable at this time.

The demand for the farmer's product remains pronounced while the bidding on all grades is spirited. An excellent feeling is prevailing among the farmers and conditions are excellent.

PRICES STILL CLIMBING ON FAIRMONT MARKET

Fairmont, Aug. 14.—The Fairmont market is still climbing. Official figures for today: 191,268 pounds for \$48,992.90, average \$25.62; season's total, 1,113,956 pounds, average \$23.31. Quality today was only fair but the market was stronger on all grades. One floor had an official average of \$27.92.

HOSTESS AT BRIDGE

Mrs. R. W. Alston entertained at bridge Friday, guests including members of her contract club and a number of visitors.

Mrs. F. W. Wheelless, Jr., scored high among club members and was awarded a compact as prize. Mrs. Blair Tucker, making visitor's high score, received a box of face powder.

The hostess served a delicious salad plate to the following guests: Visitors, Mrs. Clyde White, Mrs. James E. Fulghum, Mrs. S. Williams Scoggin, Mrs. G. W. Cobb, Mrs. G. K. Weaver, Miss Helen Smithwick, Mrs. Clyde Burgess, Miss Susie Meadows, Mrs. W. B. Tucker, Miss Lonnie Meadows, Mrs. H. T. Bartholomew, Mrs. Buster Burnette, of Charleston, S. C.; Mrs. J. W. Mann; and the following club members, Miss Elizabeth Clifton, Mrs. P. S. Allen, Mrs. M. S. Clifton, Mrs. P. James Maxwell Allen, II, Mrs. F. W. Wheelless, Jr., Mrs. Harrell J. Lewis and Mrs. Hill-Yarborough.

The Franklin Times has been requested to announce that the American Legion Auxiliary will meet on next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. R. W. Smithwick, on North Main Street, with Mrs. R. W. Smithwick and Miss Helen Smithwick as hostesses. All members are requested to attend.

P. T. A.

All those who have vegetables or fruits that they can donate to the P. T. A. Lunch Room, to be canned for underprivileged children, please send them to Mrs. S. J. Edens or to my home Tuesday afternoon, or to the Lunch Room by nine o'clock Wednesday, a. m., August 22nd. If you don't have any way to bring your produce, notify me and I will send for them.

MRS. T. C. ALSTON, Chrm. Lunch Room Comm.

A few tobacco growers in the State whose crops were larger than allotted by contract have destroyed their excess, but for the most part the plantings have run pretty close to the allotments, according to the reports of county agents.

Father Local Physician Dies

W. W. Green of Franklin County Succumbs in Local Hospital At 2:40 A. M.

William W. Green, father of Dr. W. W. Green of this city, died at a local hospital at 2:40 a. m. today after a short illness. He was 81 years old.

Mr. Green, a well known resident of Franklin County, was brought here several days ago to undergo treatment at the hospital but was not able, on account of his advanced years, to throw off his illness.

Funeral services will be held at the Episcopal church at Louisburg, of which he was a member, at 11 o'clock Thursday morning. It had not been decided today what minister will be in charge. Burial will follow at the "Charles Perry" place in Franklin county, home of the deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Mary Green Furman, of Franklin county, and two sons, Dr. Green of this city and Charles B. Green of Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Green was known to a large number of persons throughout Franklin county where he was a lifelong resident and to a number of friends here. His death was deeply regretted in this city.

Active pall bearers were announced as follows: Don Gilliam, W. Stamps Howard, Rawls Howard, Ben C. Mayo, Dr. J. G. Raby, Dr. A. C. Norfleet, Thad Hussey, Paul Lawrence and Will Felton.

No honorary pall bearers were announced.—Tarboro Southerner.

W. W. Green was one of Franklin County's oldest and best known citizens.

Mr. Green had served his state as Superintendent of the State Prison and later became one of the leading republicans of this County. He was a splendid neighbor and greatly liked by his many friends.

The funeral was conducted from St. Paul's Episcopal church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. Bertram E. Brown, of Tarboro, and the services at the grave were conducted by Rev. Frank E. Pulley.

MISS JOYNER GETS DEGREE

Wake Forest, Aug. 13.—Among the 31 Wake Forest College Summer School seniors who received degrees on Friday morning, August 10, is Miss Frances Louise Joyner of Louisburg. Miss Joyner, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Joyner, received the Bachelor of Arts degree.

Miss Joyner has made a significant scholastic record during her undergraduate study. She is a graduate of St. Mary's School of Raleigh; and, while there, she won the Niles Scholarship medal for attaining the highest average in the school at that time.

With the graduation of this class Wake Forest rounded out her first 100 years of service. On September 10 she will begin the second century with present prospects pointing towards the most successful year in her history.

With the Johnson Memorial medical building completed in 1931 and a new administration building dedicated last May, the plan for a greater Wake Forest will be given further impetus in the early fall when work will begin on a new \$100,000 physical education-auditorium building.

RELIEF CATTLE

The first shipment of Relief Cattle from the Western drought area was received in Louisburg on Monday afternoon and stored for the night at Fuller's stables. There were one hundred and sixteen in this shipment. They were transferred to the pastures of Walter Ball, near Alert, on Tuesday.

Court Of Honor

The Court of Honor of the Louisburg Boy Scouts meets Friday night, August 17th, at 8:00 o'clock in the Louisburg High School auditorium. Scout Executive Humphries, of Raleigh, will be present. The Cub Scouts will join in this meeting. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

THANKS

We wish to express our most heartfelt and sincere appreciation to our many friends and especially our neighbors for their words of sympathy spoken during the recent illness and death of our dear grand daughter.

Mrs. Morris Murray, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pennell, and family.

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Governors To Pay Tribute to Early Settlers

Governor Peery, of Virginia, and Governor Ehringhaus, of North Carolina Heading Celebration At Roanoke Island—Boat Races On Manteo Bay

Manteo, Roanoke Island, N. C.—With the governors of North Carolina and Virginia heading a list of distinguished honor guests, and a program of events every day, Roanoke Island is this week, August 12-19, celebrating the 350th anniversary of the birth of English civilization in America. The arrival, in 1584, of the Amadas and Barlowe Expedition.

Governor George C. Peery, of Virginia, and Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of North Carolina, will join together on Saturday, August 18, in paying tribute to the 347th birthday of Virginia Dare, the first child born to English parents in America, to the men and women of those first three expeditions, beginning with that of Amadas and Barlowe, in 1584, and ending, so tragically, with the "Lost Colony" in 1587.

On Friday, the 17th, the American Legion will sponsor Boat Races on Manteo Bay, and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, in a tremendous amphitheatre being especially constructed on the shore at Port Raleigh will be given a Historical Pageant of Roanoke, produced by the Harrington-Russell Studios, portraying the colonization period, from 1584 to 1587.

For almost 50 years the birthday of Virginia Dare has been an occasion for celebration on the island, but this year it will be of greater significance, for it will be held at the new Port Raleigh, restored, through the aid of Emergency Relief Funds, as a replica, as nearly as possible, and on the same site, of the Fort where Virginia Dare was born, and whence so mysteriously disappeared, the Lost Colony.

On Sunday morning, dedication exercises will be held in the small Episcopal Chapel which has been built to commemorate the religious life of the colony. At Port Raleigh took place two important baptisms, that of the baby, Virginia Dare, on the 20th of August, 347 years ago, and that of the Indian, Manteo, on August 13, 1587, believed to be the first religious sacrament in the Protestant faith solemnized in the new world. The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, of Wilmington, Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina will have charge of the dedication service.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

High Point, Aug. 15.—The Banner Creek erosion control project of Pittsylvania county Virginia, with Chatham as headquarters, 20 miles north of Danville, has been put under the supervision of the High Point regional office of the Soil Erosion Service, according to advice received from Washington.

The Virginia demonstrational erosion control project contains 144,640 acres. The project will operate on the same basis as the Deep River project of Guilford, Forsyth and Randolph counties and the Brown Creek area covering parts of Anson and Union counties in North Carolina, and Chesterfield county in South Carolina. There will be a complete staff of soil erosion officials with an assistant director responsible to the main offices in High Point.

Inclusion of the Banner Creek project under the direction of Dr. J. H. Stallings, regional director of the Soil Erosion Service in High Point, means that erosion control work in parts of three states will be directed through the North Carolina offices, bringing the total acreage in the North Carolina erosion control project to nearly 341,000.

"The soil erosion work is proving so tremendously popular," declared H. H. Bennett, director in charge of the Soil Erosion Service in Washington, in announcing the addition to the North Carolina erosion control project, "that request after request from region after region throughout the whole country for additional work to be carried out along the lines of our present projects have been coming in. Just last Friday we had a delegation coming from North Carolina with requests for expansion of erosion control work in that state."

Hail and wind damage to crops in Moore county recently amounted to 75 per cent in some sections. Tobacco growers are now expecting a yield of only 600 pounds to the acre instead of the usual 1,000 pounds. Corn was also damaged by the hail and wind.

Board Of Education Meets

The Board of Education met Thursday afternoon of last week with A. F. Johnson, Mrs. T. H. Dickens, E. L. Green, J. H. Joyner and W. A. Mullen present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The object of this meeting was to determine and lay out the various school bus routes to be followed during the school year 1934-35. A group of interested citizens and all the principals of the schools were present. After a discussion and listening to the various suggestions of the interested citizens, the school bus routes for each district were determined and laid out on the Franklin County map. The Board instructed the secretary to forward a copy of these routes to the office of the State School Commission in Raleigh for its approval.

The date for the opening of the schools was discussed and September 10th was selected.

The vacancies on the various school boards were filled except Epsom which will be filled at a later date.

Bunn District—John Chambliss, Louisburg, R. 1.

Gold Sand District—W. D. Fuller, Wood.

Cedar Rock-Cypress Creek District—J. L. Dorsey, Louisburg, R. 4.

Youngsville District—Geo. N. Stiel, Youngsville.

Louisburg District—Mrs. B. T. Holden, Louisburg.

The Board instructed the superintendent to ask the Relief Office, if possible, to give to the various schools some janitorial service to begin not later than the 10th of September.

The Board agreed to rent the Cedar Rock School site and buildings to Mr. R. E. Miller, the same to be used as a home for the principal. In lieu of rent, Mr. Miller will do all necessary remodeling and keep the buildings and grounds in repair. In the event the Board thinks best to dispose of the property during the twelve months period, it agrees to give Mr. Miller 30 days notice and reimburse him for any expense that he has gone to in remodeling the buildings, the amount to be decided by the Board and Mr. Miller. This arrangement had been approved and recommended by the local school board member.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Soil Erosion Trip Through Piedmont Carolina

Mr. G. L. Winchester, vocational teacher, Franklinton School, writes: A group of farmers from Franklinton will leave Wednesday morning, August 22 at 7:30 for a two-day trip through Piedmont Carolina. The trip will be made in cars by Durham, Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem, Salisbury, Statesville, and return by way of Concord, Albemarle, Troy, Sanford, and Raleigh. This trip is primarily to visit Deep River Soil Erosion Project at High Point, the Piedmont Soil Erosion experiment station at Statesville as well as the Piedmont experiment station. Other stops will be made at large farms and well-equipped dairies along the way. I believe every farmer should take a day or two off during the summer months to visit his neighbors in other counties to see what they are doing, so leave your work and come along. This invitation is to all the farmers in Franklin County as some of the other teachers are going. Mr. Morgan, the County Agent, says he will go if he can possibly get off.

If possible, let me know not later than Tuesday night if you are going, and if you can drive your car. If you can't drive your car, I think we will have plenty of room for you. We will return Thursday night, August 23.

There isn't much hope for the future of a boy who can't find a swimming hole these days.

FAST ONE
Governor Ehringhaus stole the show from Commissioner of Agriculture William A. Graham during the tobacco crisis last year but the Commissioner came to bat and hit a home run on cotton last week. The Governor was on vacation when the U. S. Department of Agriculture reported prospects of the shortest cotton crop of the present century. Immediately Mr. Graham announced that he would petition Washington Authorities to allow Tar Heel farmers to sell cotton in excess of Bankhead Law allotments with the tax penalty. It's little strategic moves like that as well as careful campaigning that causes Raleigh to consider Commissioner Graham one of the most astute politicians in the State. Commissioner Graham is the man who threw the monkey-wrench that stripped the gears of former Governor O. Max Gardner's short-ballot program in the 1931 Legislature. If you have a hankering

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, August 18th: Saturday—Wallace Beery in "Viva Villa."

Monday and Tuesday—Shirley Temple in "Little Miss Marker."

Wednesday—Wheeler and Woolsey in "Hips, Hips, Hooray."

Thursday and Friday—Dick Powell, Ginger Rogers, Pat O'Brien and 4 Mills Bros. in "Twenty Million Sweethearts."

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Through CAPITAL KEYHOLES

By Bess Hinton Silver

PAY AND POLITICS

A prominent State school official makes the unqualified assertion that local politics is giving the State school system more trouble than the schedule of teachers' salaries. He gave as honest opinion that if teachers were allowed to vote on the proposition of a 20 per cent increase in pay or the abolition of petty politics from the schools the politics would be kicked out by a great majority. Teachers are dropped by local boards for all sorts of ridiculous reasons, ranging from not attending the right church to having "dates" with some young man whose father is in dutch with the politicians controlling the board.

"INTRUSTS" AND THE BUDGET

Astute Raleigh politicians are wondering what is going to happen if R. Grady Rankin, of Gastonia, continues on the Advisory Budget Commission. Mr. Rankin inherited his position on the budget body by reason of being chairman of the Senate Finance Committee last year. Since that time Mr. Rankin has given up his textile interests and accepted a high executive position with the Duke Power Company. At present he is sitting with the budget body drafting financial recommendations for the coming session of the General Assembly. It has occurred to some observers that recommendations presented by a body containing a member of the power family may not set well with the Legislators, especially from the eastern part of the State. Officials familiar with the splendid legislative and business record of Mr. Rankin do not doubt his ability to work a sound financial plan without favoritism. But many new members of the 1935 Legislature may think differently, or at least that is the fear of many of Senator Rankin's Raleigh friends.

INDUSTRIAL CHAIRMAN

Major Matt H. Allen, chairman of the State Industrial Commission is known to have considerable financial interests in real estate and beach developments at Morehead City and throughout that neck of the woods. The grapevine reports that this holds better prospects for the future than his present place on the State payroll and Raleigh would not be surprised if he stepped down as head man of the Industrial Commission any day. It has already gone far enough to stimulate campaigns in behalf of people who wouldn't mind succeeding him.

SHERIFFS AND ROADS

The high sheriffs of North Carolina do a lot of automobile traveling and they don't relish bumps and mudholes standing in the path of duty. They said as much in a resolution adopted at their annual convention held at Elizabeth City. These strong men of the law went on record as opposed to diversion of highway funds and gave as one of the reasons present conditions existing on secondary roads. The highway commission has the money but can't spend it on maintenance because of handcuffs locked by the last Legislature. A lot of farmers hauling their produce to market by truck will join with the sheriffs. At present the man living off the primary road system is paying a lot of gasoline tax that does him little good beyond the knowledge that the highway fund has a surplus. And that isn't much consolation when lizzie mires up or breaks a spring.