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## W-C-A HIGHWAY MUST BE BUILT

Time for Action Has Come and Delegates Assembled Here Yesterday Are Determined to Make the Dream Come True.

### PLAN TO INCORPORATE AND ISSUE BONDS

Enthusiastic and Well-Attended Meeting of W-C-A Highway Association Held Here Yesterday—Judge Pritchard Delivers Principal Address—Other Notable Speeches—Convention Was an Entire Success and Building of Proposed Highway Seems Assured.

A hard-surface highway from Wilmington to Asheville and passing through Robeson county and Lumberton will become a reality. This was the consensus of opinion of the hundreds of delegates who attended the anniversary meeting of the Wilmington-Charlotte-Asheville Highway association in Lumberton yesterday. The next Legislature will be asked to incorporate the sixteen counties that will be traversed by the proposed highway and to enact legislation that will enable the counties incorporated to borrow sufficient funds, with Federal and State aid, to build the hard surface highway from the mountains to the sea.

Practically all the counties through which the highway will go were represented at the meeting yesterday and while larger attended road meetings have been held in the State, no more enthusiastic good roads meet has ever been held in North Carolina. The hundreds of delegates were unanimous in their approval of the plans and judging from their enthusiasm they will continue the fight until Eastern North Carolina and Western North Carolina are connected by a highway that will be a credit to the State and make travel from one section to the other a matter of pleasure.

The meeting was opened at 11 a. m. with prayer offered by Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church. Mayor James D. Proctor welcomed the delegates to Lumberton and turned the town over to them for the day. Mayor Proctor assured the visiting delegates that the town was both proud and honored to have such a distinguished body as guests.

Major Jos. W. Little of Wilmington responded to the address of welcome, declaring that if all the delegates knew Robeson county and Lumberton as he knew them, they felt no need of a formal welcome.

Hard Surface Road Approved. Next on the program was an address by that live good roads enthusiast, Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick of Charlotte, president of the association. Col. Kirkpatrick told of the birth of the association one year ago yesterday, when 500 delegates, representing 8 counties, met and perfected the organization. He declared that it is now time for action. He advocated the building of a hard surface road and judging from the applause it met the approval of all present.

Building of Highways a Duty. Mr. W. A. McGirt of Wilmington, president of the North Carolina Good Roads association, spoke on the subject, "Inter-State Highway Must Be Built by the State." In referring to the proposed highway, Mr. McGirt declared that it is a question that holds out great possibilities for the State of North Carolina and argued that counties should not be called upon to build State highways. "The building of the highway is a duty that rests upon the public," the speaker declared. Mr. McGirt advocated the issuance of bonds by the State in order to get Federal aid for building State highways.

Epidemic of Good Roads Fever. Mr. A. G. Bachelder, executive chairman of the American Automobile associations, Washington, D. C., spoke on "Becoming Better Acquainted Nationally." The speaker told of the importance of good roads in bringing this about. He said the Federal government should assist the State, the States should assist the counties and the counties the townships in building good roads. He advanced the plan of the State issuing bonds to meet the requirements in order to get the Federal aid already available. "There is an epidemic of good roads fever throughout the country," declared the speaker, who urged the importance of the mountains of North Carolina being connected with the seacoast by a State highway.

An Inspirational Spirit. The first speaker at the afternoon session was Mr. Frank Page, chairman of the State Highway Commission. In beginning his address Mr. Page said he came to the meeting yesterday in order to get an insight into the road-building spirit in the State and expressed himself as being highly pleased with the spirit of the occasion. He declared that the spirit displayed here yesterday should be an inspiration to other sections of the State. Mr. Page stated that there is nothing in the power of the highway commission too much or too good for the commission to do for the purpose

of aiding in the construction of the proposed W-C-A. Mr. Page's address was well received and he was heartily applauded. He declared that North Carolina can have good roads if willing to pay for them.

Following Mr. Page's address, Mayor F. R. McNinch of Charlotte voiced his sentiment in favor of building the highway and building it at once.

Judge Pritchard. While all the addresses of the day were masterly and to the point, the address of Federal Judge Jeter C. Pritchard of Asheville was the climax of speech-making. Judge Pritchard was introduced ornately by Mr. Herriot Clark of Charlotte.

Value of Good Roads. Not only did the judge tell of the importance of building good roads and pile shame upon the head of any man who is opposed to building them, but he denounced Bolshevism, paid tribute to the American soldiers of the recent world war and flayed the idea of class rule. He held his audience spell-bound for an hour and he was frequently applauded heartily.

The speaker declared that good roads are good for many things, and that they do wonders in promoting Christianity and decreasing profanity. "I never joined the church until after my county built good roads and have not sworn an oath since," declared the judge. The country people have the same opportunity to have good roads that the people living in town have. The speaker told of how good roads advance the valuation of property and declared he could never understand why a man living in the country could oppose good roads.

"It would pay the farmer to give up one-third of his land in order to have good roads," continued the speaker.

Officers Elected. At the morning session Messrs. James H. Cowan of Wilmington, Clyde K. Council of Bladen and F. L. Riddle of Monroe were appointed a nominating committee. The following were placed in nomination by the committee to serve as officers of the association during the ensuing year and were elected:

President, Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick of Charlotte, re-elected by acclamation; first vice-president, G. Herbert Smith of New Hanover; second vice-president, H. M. McAllister of Lumberton; secretary, R. W. Lemmond of Union; treasurer, W. C. Wilkinson of Mecklenburg; executive committee, N. Buckner, Buncombe; M. L. Shipman-Henderson; K. S. Tanner, Rutherford; L. A. Getty, Cleveland; Ed Love, Lincoln; R. G. Cherry, Gaston; A. M. McDonald, Mecklenburg; F. G. Henderson, Union; H. H. McLendon, Anson; B. F. Reynolds, Richmond; Max T. John, Scotland; L. L. McGirt, Robeson; J. A. Brown, Columbus county perhaps sending the McGirt, New Hanover; A. M. Chinis Brunswick.

The time and place for the next meeting of the association was left to the president and executive committee.

It is estimated that more than 500 delegates attended the meeting, Columbus county perhaps sending the largest delegation. The Charlotte delegation of about 30 made the trip on a special pullman car, arriving here Tuesday night at 10:04 and returning left Lumberton about 7:30 last evening. They were a jolly bunch and all afire with the good roads spirit and pulling for the W-C-A highway. The delegation from the various counties was made up of representative men.

While the crowd was not as large as Lumberton expected, the meeting was a pronounced success and the town was honored by having the association meet here. The town was benefited by the occasion and having the distinguished delegates as guests for the day.

Ladies of the Eastern Star served lunches in the commissioners room at the court house and nobody was allowed to go away hungry. Many of the business houses were decorated with flags and the court room where the meeting was held was most attractively decorated with flags, long-leaf pine and ferns.

Numerous telegrams from individuals, heads of various organizations and business firms, pledging support to the highway were read during the session. Among them was one signed by Senators F. M. Simmons and Lee S. Overman and Representatives H. L. Godwin, E. Y. Webb, Z. Weaver and L. D. Robinson, reading as follows: "We are in hearty accord with the objects of your convention and will be pleased at all times to co-operate with you."

Resolutions of sympathy were sent to Gen. J. S. Carr, who was unable to attend the meeting on account of the death of his son.

The resolutions printed in Monday's Robesonian were adopted.

Mr. J. T. Griffith of Monroe was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

### THE RECORD OF DEATHS

Mrs. Joseph Prevatt Passed Away This Morning—Funeral Friday Afternoon.

Mrs. Joseph Prevatt died at 8:30 o'clock this morning at her home, Third and Pine streets. Death was due to pneumonia, from which she had suffered for a week. Deceased was 75 years old and is survived by her husband and seven children, five daughters—Misses Dovie and Laura Prevatt, Mrs. Mattie Barrett, all of Lumberton, Mrs. R. J. Hall of Hope Mills and Mrs. W. R. Tyner of Lowe—and two sons—Messrs. W. J. and F. L. Prevatt, both of Lumberton—and one brother, Mr. J. W. Conoley of Lumber Bridge.

The funeral will be conducted from the home tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock by Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church. Interment will be made in Meadowbrook cemetery.

Mrs. Prevatt was a member of Clyborn Baptist church and was a woman of a beautiful Christian spirit which won the love and admiration of all with whom she came in contact. In her passing Lumberton loses one of its best Christian women.

Miss Sallie McLean of Laurinburg Died This Morning—Funeral Friday Morning.

Miss Sallie McLean, aged 72 years, died early this morning at her home at Laurinburg, following a stroke of paralysis which she suffered two months ago. Deceased was an aunt of Messrs. A. W. A. T. and J. Dixon McLean of Lumberton. The funeral will take place from the home of Mrs. R. D. Phillips, a sister of the deceased, with whom she made her home at Laurinburg, tomorrow at 10 a. m. and interment will be made in the Maxton cemetery.

A 14-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Duncan, who live at the Jennings cotton mill village, died early yesterday morning of colitis.

### TRAIN BREAKMAN KILLED.

John McMillan, Colored, Dies as Result of Injuries—Both Legs Cut Off When He Fell Between Cars at V. & C. S. "Y."

John McMillan, colored brakeman on the Virginia & Carolina Southern, died early yesterday morning at the Thompson hospital as a result of injuries received Tuesday afternoon when he fell underneath a moving freight car on the "Y" in the eastern part of town. Two wheels passed over both of McMillan's legs and both legs were amputated above the knees. According to Engineer Robt. Small, McMillan coupled two freight cars and signaled him to go ahead. After the train started he was seen climbing up the side of the car and it is thought he fell between the cars.

McMillan was soon discovered by another train hand and was brought to the hospital, where medical and surgical attention was given him. His home was at St. Pauls.

### Rufus Robbins Run Over by a Ford.

Rufus, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Robbins, was run down by a Ford roadster driven by Robert Regan, colored, on Elm street late Monday afternoon. The boy was riding a bicycle and the auto, which was being driven at slow speed, struck the bicycle and the front wheel ran upon one of the boy's legs. He was not seriously hurt, however, while the bicycle was somewhat torn up. The accident occurred near the corner of Elm and Third street when the boy rode the bicycle into Elm in front of the automobile. Regan paid for the bicycle repairs and there was no further action on the part of Mr. Robbins.

### Recorder's Court.

The following cases have recently been aired before assistant Recorder E. M. Johnson: Clyde Jessoms, disorderly conduct; fined \$10 and the cost. Joe French, colored, drunk and disorderly; \$10 fine and the cost. Jim Duckery, colored, allowing his chickens to run at large in town; judgment suspended upon payment of the cost. Edward Strickland, Indian, shooting a dog belonging to Will Chavis; not guilty; carrying concealed weapon, guilty; fine \$50 and the cost. Strickland gave notice of appeal.

### BRAGG WILL BE RECOMMENDED FOR PERMANENT CAMP.

A Washington dispatch states that the House of Congress military subcommittee left Washington last night to renew its inspection of army fields in the South and West without making a final report but that it has agreed on recommending retention of Camps Bragg, N. C. and Benning, Ga.

Mr. C. M. Fuller left Tuesday evening for St. Louis, Mo., to buy mules and horses for his sales barns.

### RED SPRINGS NEWS.

Marriage of Miss Mary Fullerton and Mr. Edwin Callahan—Other Social Items—College—Crowded—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, Sept. 24.—Miss Annie Belle Hill as gone to Spring Hope, where she will teach this year.

Miss Sallie Pearsall has accepted a position as teacher of piano in Parkton and left this week to take up her work in that place.

Miss Anna McNeill of Savannah and Mrs. Walter Powell, of Donaldsonville, Ga., are on a visit to relatives here. It is Mrs. Powell's first visit to Robeson county in over 20 years and she naturally finds many great changes in people and things. She expresses herself very much pleased with the progress made in Robeson and Hoke since her last visit.

Miss Mary Janet McNeill and Messdames McCormick and Hughes of Parkton were in town Monday.

Owing to the unusual number of students in the college this year it will be necessary to secure another piano teacher. Until one is secured Miss Georgie Pearsall has kindly consented to fill the vacancy.

September seems to be the favorable birthday month in this town. Two more parties this week among the little folks. On Monday afternoon Misses Frances Gibson and Margaret Graham both entertained their young friends with delightful parties on their lawns. Both crowds reported a lovely time.

Little Barden Throver, who has been sick, is much better, we are glad to learn.

Dr. R. D. McMillan has returned from a trip to Baltimore, where he went to carry his little son Ellison for treatment. Mrs. McMillan and R. D. Jr., who accompanied him, remained in Norfolk for a visit to relatives.

The U-D. C. gave a very enjoyable dime party Monday night at the home of Mr. J. H. McKay. The little folks had a hilarious time on the lawn, while their elders whiled the time away very pleasantly on the cool spacious veranda. "Heavenly Hash" cake and grapes were served and about seven dollars was realized. These little parties are held each month and the money collected goes to pay for a Liberty bond for the chapter.

The marriage of Miss Mary Fullerton of Orange, Va., and Mr. Edwin Callahan of this place, which occurred in Richmond on the 16th, came as a surprise to their many friends in this section. Mr. and Mrs. Callahan spent last week here visiting relatives and are now living in Laurinburg, where Mr. Callahan has a position in one of the drug stores. Mrs. Callahan has taught in Parkton and Philadelphia and both young people have hosts of friends who wish them much happiness and success in their new life.

### SPECIAL MEETING OF FOREST POST OF AMER. LEGION

All Honorably Discharged Men of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps Are Eligible.

To Veterans of the World War:

Forrest Post of the American Legion will hold a special meeting at the school auditorium Monday evening at 8:30, Sept. 29, for the purpose of enrolling new members and attending to other business of the post. All honorably discharged men of the army, navy and marine corps are eligible and by joining the Legion you can show your true Americanism as you did by donning the khaki in 1917-1918. The Legion is a national organization, the greatest ever formed by ex-soldiers and sailors.

Through the Legion they can keep in touch with each other, and also further the principles for which they followed the flag even to foreign shores.

"You chased the enemy back to his lair, now mop up at home."

All who wish to join our post but can not meet with us Monday night just send name and address to the undersigned, who will mail membership cards.

CLAUDE T. POOLE, Post Commander. St. Pauls, N. C.

### LABOR ORGANIZERS HERE; CONFLICTING REPORTS

Two or more men have been in Lumberton during the last few days for the purpose, it is said, of organizing the employees of the four cotton mill here into a branch of a labor union. One report has it that hundreds of mill operatives have already subscribed as members of the union while a second rumor says that the mill people are not taking on to the plan. One of the organizers addressed a gathering of the operators at Mr. J. M. Seasons' store, in the eastern part of town, Tuesday evening.

Mr. E. C. Nye of Orzum was among the visitors in town Tuesday.

### THERE'LL BE A CARNIVAL.

County Fair Will Have Carnival Attractions But They Will Be White Like the Snow and Pure as the Lily—So Manager Thompson is Assured—Town Fathers Are Not Disposed to Interfere.

A motion made by Mr. R. H. Crichton, a member of the board of town commissioners, at a meeting of the board Tuesday afternoon to the effect that the license tax on carnivals be rescinded and an ordinance passed prohibiting carnivals or like attractions from exhibiting in town failed to receive a second but was put to a vote and Mr. Crichton was the only member voting in favor of the motion. Messrs. E. M. Johnson and Jno. B. Mears, members of the board, voted against the motion, while Dr. N. A. Thompson, the fourth member of the board, was not present.

A number of citizens who live about the tobacco warehouses where the county fairs are held attended the meeting Tuesday afternoon and many of them spoke against a carnival in connection with the fair this year. Among those who voiced their sentiment against a carnival were Messrs. L. T. Townsend, F. P. Gray, E. L. Hamilton, H. J. Sawyer, J. D. Norment, A. B. Small, and E. J. Britt. Mr. Britt stated, however, that while he was opposed to carnivals, he was not in favor of passing an ordinance which would mean a loss of money to Mr. W. O. Thompson, secretary of the fair association, unless he was willing to come to Mr. Thompson's rescue and aid him in meeting the deficiency of revenue.

Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, was present and made a short talk against carnivals. He declared that he appreciated Mr. Thompson's position, but in his opinion it would be better not to have a fair than to have a carnival in connection with it. He told of the immoral influence brought to a community by gamblers and lewd women who follow such organizations.

Mr. Thompson, secretary of the fair association, was present and read a contract which he had recently made with the same carnival that held the boards during the fair here last year to show during the coming fair. The contract provided that no gambling or immoral shows are to be allowed. In expressing the situation as he saw it, Mr. Thompson declared that he had the best interest of the town at heart and would not for a moment stand for anything that would tend to degrade the town or its citizens.

As the matter now stands it may be expected that a carnival will be operated in connection with the county fair in October, but it is promised that no gambling or immoral shows will be allowed.

While in session Tuesday the board passed an ordinance which provides that the sewer line being put in at the Jennings cotton mill village be connected with the town sewer at the end of the town line on the Carthage road.

### THE GREAT STEEL STRIKE; CONFLICTING STATEMENTS

At the close of the third day of the great steel strike which started Monday, conflicting statements were made from their respective headquarters by industrial leaders and directors of the strike. An official of the strikers' committee claimed that a total of 324,000 men had abandoned their posts in the various steel centers in 20 States, but in the crucial Pittsburgh district officials of the United States Steel corporation and several "independents" asserted that the stream of labor had turned and was flowing into the mills. All the Birmingham plans were said to be in full operation.

An inquiry into the industrial struggle by the Senate labor committee began in Washington today.

### Lock at Brown's Landing Will Be Closed

Correspondence of The Robesonian. On account of necessary repairs to lock No. 2, located at Brown's Landing, N. C., two miles below Elizabeth town, navigation through this lock will be entirely closed on September 30th, for a period of approximately fifteen days.

Upon the re-opening of the lock to navigation a notice similar to this will be issued.

J. R. D. MATHESON, Colonel of Engineers, U. S. Army District Engineer.

Union county has one of the most enthusiastic cotton associations in the State, states a Monroe dispatch. The membership fee is \$1 and farmers are joining in large numbers daily. These local associations are intended to co-operate with the Southern Cotton association to hold the present price for an adequate price and reduce the acreage next year.

Mr. J. C. Stansel of Allenton was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

### WATCH THE LABEL.

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### LOCAL COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 29 3-4 cents the pound; strict middling 30 cents. Much cotton is being marketed here today.

### BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Robt. L. East and Lillie Woolley.

—The town has bought a new Harley-Davidson motorcycle to be used by the chief of police.

—Mr. Grant Butler of Loris, S. C., has accepted a position in the McMullan drug store. He began work Tuesday.

—Mrs. E. R. Hardin has been employed as teacher in the seventh grade of the graded school. She began teaching Tuesday.

—Material is being placed on the lot for building the modern brick hospital building which Dr. H. M. Baker will erect on Fourteenth street.

—The Alfred Rowland chapter, U. D. C., will meet in the municipal building tomorrow afternoon at 4:30. All members are urged to be present.

—Mr. G. F. Jordan of Hendersonville has accepted a position in the mechanical department of the Lumber Motor Car Co. He began work today.

—The Robesonian hears complaint of skating on the sidewalks which is a violation of the town ordinances. The officers say the law will be enforced. Fair warning.

—Mr. K. M. Barnes returned Monday from New York, where he went to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the Fisheries Products Co. of Wilmington, of which board he is a member, this company being a branch of a New York company.

—Mr. C. L. Beard of Parkton has opened an office here for the purpose of buying cotton on the local market. He represents Barrett & Co., of Augusta, Ga., and his office is in the building occupied by Messrs. McIntyre & Wishart, wholesale grocers, First street.

—Mr. W. P. McAllister, county welfare officer returned Tuesday night from Hendersonville, where he spent a few days with his family. He attended last week at Chapel Hill the meeting of the State and County Council, going from Chapel Hill to Hendersonville.

—Mr. D. G. Wilkins and daughters, Misses Letha and Blanche, were Lumberton visitors Tuesday on their return from a visit to Red Springs to their home in Howellsville township. Mr. Wilkins intends to move to Red Springs with his family in the near future and operate a jitney service.

—The fire company was called out about 6:30 last evening on account of a blaze at the west-end of the iron bridge, at the foot of Fifth street. The fire was burning some logs used at the abutment of the bridge and it is thought the fire originated from a cigaret stump. No damage was done.

—Messrs. E. B. McMillan, T. A. Norment, Jr., C. A. Crump, Heck McMillan, Bill Barnes, Luther Prevatt, Ed Barnes, D. L. Whiting and W. Gerald Pittman spent the week-end at White Lake, Bladen county. They made the trip on automobiles and report a most enjoyable trip. According to Mr. Pittman, Bladen has better roads than Robeson.

—Mr. W. F. Adams and son-in-law, Mr. W. L. Price, of Raynham, were Lumberton visitors yesterday. Mr. Adams has the distinction of being the oldest white man in his section. He will be 79 years young his next birthday and is hale and hearty. He says the cause of this is that he takes life as it comes to him and does not worry about things that are not worthy of worry.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE MEETINGS

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Community service meetings for the next two weeks will be as follows: Monday, Sept. 29, Shannon (colored); Sept. 30, Orrum; Oct. 1, Rex; Oct. 2, Back Swamp; Oct. 3, Parkton; Oct. 7, Ten Mile; Oct. 8, Oakdale; Oct. 9, Union Chapel (Indian); Oct. 10, Centenary.

CLAIRE S. THOMAS, County Director Com. Service.

### Nathan Bruce Released on Bond.

Nathan Bruce, who had been in jail for three weeks on the charge of dealing Forrey Prevatt a dangerous blow on the head with a gun, has been released under a \$750 bond. The condition of Mr. Prevatt is improving. As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. Prevatt was dangerously hurt in a general fight near Buie some three weeks ago.

### DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER

EYE SPECIALIST

Office: National Bank of Lumberton Building.