URGES VIGOROUS EFFORT FOR ROAD DEVELOPMENT

President McGirt Maps Out Ambitious Plans For Good Roads Association

TELLS OF PROGRESS MADE IN PAST YEAR

Road Law Not As Full And Com prehensive As Desired, Yet a Step in Right Direction; Appreciation Expressed For Those Who Gave of Time, Talent And Substance to Further Purposes of Organization

(Report of W. A. McGirt, President, to the Annual Convention of the North Carolina Good Bonds Association.)

Since the last annual conveitnon of your association, I am glad to be able to report that splendid progress had been made.

As a result of the resolution adopted at that convention a state-wide law has been enacted, providing for a state road construction fund, to be created by levying an increased automobile tax aupplemented by State notes to meet the Federal aid. While the new road law is not as full and comprehensive as was contemplated by the resolution referred to above, it was, nevertheless, step in the right direction and affords the people of the State a great advantage in the matter of road building.

The North Carolina Good Roads Association gave considerable time and money in an effort to secure the passage of this new road law to secure the State's proportion of Federal aid provided by act of Congress. In this connection, I desire to express appreciation to those who so unselfishly gave of their time, talents and substance. during the session of the last General Assembly, in an effort to secure adeuate road legislation for the State. Of course your special committee had the moral support of the entire membership, but I deem it not improper to make personal mention of: Messrs. N. Buckner, of Buncombe; H. D. Witliams, of Duplin; T. L. Gwyn, of Haywood: K. E. Bennett, of Swain; David Clark, of Pitt; Judge Francis D. Winston, of Bertie; W. D. MacMillan, Jr., of New Hanover; H. L. Ballou, of Ashe; L. B. Morse, of Henderson; A. M. McDonald, of Mecklenburg; R. K Davenport, of Gaston; W. C. Boren, of Guilford: R. G. Lassiter, of Granville, who, by their untiring and persistent efforts contributed largely to the pas

while considerable time was consumed in securing the passage of road legislation, yet your president has been able to visit a number of counties and urge upon the people the program of association. During the past year he has attended meetings and made talks at the following places:

Burgaw, Atkinson, Jacksonville, Forks, Bladenboro, Clarkton, Whiteville, Chadbourn, Lumberton, Golds-bore, Kenansville, Warsaw, Wallace, Kenansville, Warsaw, Monroe, Rockingham, Bolton, Rocky Point. Twenty visits to Raleigh on State law and different highway pro-

I do not hesitate to say that the activities of the association have resulted in awakening in our people a renewed interest in a system of State highways

and improved county roads. During the past four months the counties and townships of the State have voted approximately \$20,000,000 in bonds for road construction. Three counties have voted a million or more each, to-wit: Lenoir, two millions; Beaufort, one million; Robeson, one million (voted by townships); and there are rumors of a million in Nash and a million in Martin and two mil-Hons in Craven. Eastern North Carolina, especially is awakening to her possibilities and beginning to realize that her natural advantages can be made available only through the construcand highways. It is a matter of pride to the North Carolina Good Roads Association that the counties have at last realized the importance of good roads. It is also a source of gratification that the State has recognized the imperative need of a system of State highways.

Tremendous possibilities lie before us and, while some progress had been made, yet, in order to achieve all that the opportunity affords, it is absolutely necessary to secure more adequate legis lation than we now have. I would, therefore, recommend that your committee on resolutions give this phase of the subject serious consideration. This association should leave no stone unturnd to secure legislation which would commit the State to the construction of a system of hard surfaced



W. A. McGIRT.

highways connecting the county seats and principal cities of the State. In order to withstand the excessive traffic which will follow improved highways, nothing less than the very best road material should be used. This program would perhaps require that the State authorize a bond issue, but the results would amply repay all effort and expenditure, and the people would be satisfied.

With \$20,000,000 or more to be in vested in good roads by the State and the counties brings us face to face with the problem of spending this money to the very best advantage which mean that we should employ the best engineering skill and the most permanent

Federal Highways: The association should go on record as favoring a na-tional system of highways to be constructed and maintained by the National Government without regard to State

The association can well afford during these critical times to stress the importance of improved roads and highways, relieving the railroads of much of their freight and traffic. We should emphasize the importance of immediate setion and urge all counties to build for the future.

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the question of increasing the member-ship of the association. We need more money, man-power and moral force. Is it not a fact that the accomplishments of the association thus far have been sufficient to lay claim upon the man-hood of the State for its co-operation and support in this great enterprise? While our membership is the largest in

Our present Acting Secretary, Miss Berry, has rendered valuable and effi-cient service. In fact, the success attained the past year is attributable in a large degree to her untiring and in-telligent efforts. She has done the work at great personal sacrifice, all of which is well known to members of the as-

I desire to express my appreciation of and gratitude for the united support and cooperation of the officers and emmbers of the association and trust that the efforts of this convention will result in a broad and far reaching program for the upbuilding and developnent of our State.

Former Rebel Strongholds Pacified-Mexico City, Aug. 13 .- General Francisco Murgifia, in charge of federal forces in the states of Tamaulipas, Coahuila and Neuvo Leon, has reported to President Carranza that the former rebel strongholds in the southern part of Nuevo Leon have been cleared and or Auevo Leon have been cleared and the country pacified. He declared the towns of Iturbide, Zaragosa, Aramberri and Noreiga, which have been held for some time by the rebels, are now in his possession. The reconstruction of

tary who would be required to give part or full time to such duties as might be assigned by the association. The vol-ume and importance of the work de-mands the whole time of an efficient is now in progress, he reported. No. Maude, dear; it doesn't take a real estate speculator to make a mounain out of a molehill.

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and support in this great enterprise; while our membership is the largest in the history of the association, yet it does not begin to fully represent the men of thought and action in the State.

The time is now come to put this program across and it can be done w'h

a minimum of individual effort if we

can enlist the co-operation and support of all leading men of the State. Our

of all leading men of the state. or contributing members during the past year gave \$2,364.04, and of this amount \$1,302.04 was expended for legislative and educational work. If we could have

,000 members who would contribute

\$5.00 each per year, making a total of \$5,000 and the manufacturing and busi-

ness interests would supplement that with an additional \$5,000, the association

would have a fund sufficient to wage at aggressive campaign, and make it pos-sible to present in a broad and syste-

matic way our program to the people of the State. In furtherance of this idea, I have thought it advisable to re-

commend the appointment of a secre

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should get more directly in touch with

the people and hold district meetings at

strategic points in the interest of the

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ost of living.
The church store was opened today, well stocked with staple commodities from the quartermaster depot. This is probably the first church in the United

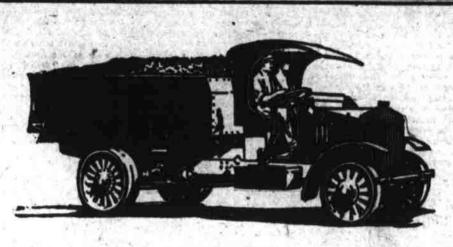
nation-wide campaign of the Episcopal Church, which is designated to awaken the church to opportunities and responsibilities for broader and more practical service at home and abroad. The Rev. A. C. D. Noe, of Farmville, N. C., supplying for the regular pastor, the Bev. Israel H. Noe, his brother, is serving as cashier for the enterprise, and the cash register is ringing merrily because he will be supplyed in the cash register is ringing merrily because he will be supplyed in the supplying for the enterprise, and the cash register is ringing merrily because he will be supplyed in the supplying for the enterprise, and the cash register is ringing merrily because he will be supplyed in the supplying for the enterprise, and the cash register is ringing merrily because he will be supplyed in the supply of the supplying for the enterprise, and his sister, Miss Hamash Greenewald, all of Spartanburg. Supplying for the regular pastor, the cause business is brisk. Selling at government prices, the church store is enwenty to forty per cent.

David Greenewald Dead.

Wilmington, Aug. 13 .- The body of David Greenewald, of Spartanburg, was States to enter upon an extensive business venture in the public service.

The project was undertaken in line with the social service program of the citizen of this place 20 years ago but pean cities. brought here today from Baltimore, where he died in a hospital, and was in-terred in Oakdale Cemetery. He was a

Mexico City, Aug. 13. — A Spanish-Mexican bank with a subscribed capital of ten million pesos and headquarters in Mexico City is planned by members of the Spanish colony here. The purpose of the institution is to aid in the development of Mexican resources and to increase commercial activity between this country and Spain. Representathis country and Spain. Representa-Havana, New York and several Euro



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