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#### Permanent Improvement

Real good news came out of Raleigh last week. We refer more particularly to the fact that four county road projects in Wilkes are to be let.

The State Highway and Public Works Commission is definitely on the right track in making permanent type improvements on the main county roads. A good grade with bituminous surface means a permanent type of road that people can travel in all kinds of weather and which will have a minimum of upkeep costs.

The four projects in Wilkes to be let on May 23 include almost five miles of road from highway 421 ten miles west of this city to Parsonville. That is only one of the many important county roads which became impassable for school bus travel last winter.

Another important project is that link of the Mountain View road from Mulberry creek to the present pavement at Mountain View. Another is three miles of road from Ronda to Clingman, which may be later extended to highway 421, and the fourth is three-quarters of a mile of road near Pleasant Hill in the eastern part of the county.

For the first letting on county road projects that represents a good start. One project which did not appear on the list, and which caused considerable disappointment, was the remainder of the Brushy Mountain grade from Oakwoods to the Brushy Mountain community. We trust that the commission will not overlook that important link of road next time.

The state could find no better use for the great highway funds surplus than permanent improvement of farm-to-market roads.

#### Splendid Record

May 12, in addition to being Mother's Day, was National Hospital Day and the birthday of Florence Nightingale. It is fitting at this season that we give special emphasis to subjects pertaining to these topics.

Basil O'Connor, chairman of the American Red Cross, paid nurse's aides a wonderful tribute in the following article:

'Nurse's aides may rightfully be proud of their wartime record . . . and I am proud of them!

"They stepped voluntarily forward to meet the need when they were called upon. Assisting the overworked nursing profession, they helped give patients all over America better care than could possibly have been provided without their willing assistance.

"They poured 37,000,000 hours of service into civilian, army, and veterans' hospitals, health agencies, and blood donor centers. More importantly, they poured in the ever-living spirit of Florence Nightingale . . . the spirit of mercy and kindness expressed in many little services to the sick and wounded, over and above the demands of duty. They provided the small comforts which the hard-pressed graduate nurse did not have time to give.

"These nurse's aides shared deeply the experiences of a nation at war . . . the toil, the anxiety, the pain, and the glory. They did not sidestep their obligations to their community and nation at war, and they are women who will continue to do their part in a world at peace.

"Just what service the nurse's aides will render during the coming months and years will depend to a great extent upon the needs of their particular communities. Approximately 1,300 chapters now have

Volunteer Nurse's Aide Corps, varying in membership from 5 in Burley, Idaho, to more than 7,300 in New York City. They range in geographic location from Alaska to the Canal Zone. Obviously the needs and problems of these 1,300 communities are so diversified that no detailed reconversion plan on a national basis could be devised which is satisfactory to each of them. But, through community planning, through consultation, with other local groups and agencies, the place into which Red Cross nurse's aides can best fit into the community's health plans will be found. Perhaps it will be in the county, city, or veterans' hospitals; perhaps in the public health clinics.

These women have already demonstrated their interest, zeal, and dedication to the humanitarian welfare of their communities. They constitute a source of trained energy and devotion of immeasurable worth to their communities; a source on which to draw not only during war, but during peacetime.

"It is with a great personal sense of satisfaction that I look back on the wartime TOLD AROUND TOWNrecord of you nurse's aides and say to all of you, "Well done!"

"And looking forward into the future, I envision a continuing desire in each community to carry on this service of mercy -bringing to the battle for life, health, and happiness in each community the same spirit Florence Nightingale brought to the battlefields of the Crimea!"

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Spaugh, D. D.



Many of the best things in life are cheap they cost little in money. A postage stamp may be the means of brightening a life, when everything seems to have fail-

Sometime ago, the daily writing of this column seemed to be growing tremendously dul!. I wondered if it were worthwhile. Suddenly a number of your letters came. One in particular made me forget all about the drudgery of writing. There was genuine thanks and appreciation.

Most of us have good intentions. Impulses to write come upon us, but it is not just then convenient. There is no pen and paper. The impulse leaves us, and we for-

You read in the newspaper of death in the family of a friend. You resolve to write a note, but the resolve dies before ment is wonderful! thetic, but how is your friend going to the Hotel Astorknow it?

There is no better rule for letter writing than "Do it now."

I have just read the confession of a well- On the way to the Grand Central known writer that for years he had in- Station he kept repeating to himtended to write a letter of appreciation to one teacher of his boyhood days, who had been especially helpful to him in a difficult time.

Finally he wrote the letter. It came back with the note from the school principal that his old teacher had died two years ago.

Many have been the times when you and I have seen or experienced some special courtesy or service rendered by employees of a public agency or corporation. We had an urge to write the main office in commendation, but probably we didn't.

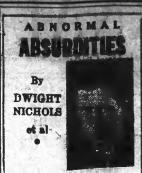
It takes effort to write these letters; I know. Recently I was riding a train, and C., and all liabilities of Merchants and Farmers was impressed by the courteous and Newton, N. C. were assum friendly manner of the conductor. Twice I saw him go out of his way to render some unexpected little service. I inquired the name of the superintendent of his division, and wrote him commending the conductor. A fine letter of appreciation came in reply.

A few stamps may save your credit. Instead of ignoring bills, when they pile up and you find yourself in a financial jam, try writing a few letters of explanation. You will be surprised at the results.

Sometime ago I found myself in such a strait. Communicating with my creditors, I offered apology, explanation and assurance of intent to pay, and asked extension. It was cheerfully granted. One or two observed that if all their customers showed the same spirit of cooperation that business would be more pleasant for them.

The more thought and sympathy we put into living, the less money it takes.

The gift which drew the greatest praise from Jesus, was three coins offered by a poverty-stricken widow-poor in money, but rich in spirit.



With automobile prices being like they are, a friend of ours said he could buy a car for a song, the title being "Over the Hill To the Poor House". . . At a fashionshle wedding little Betsy asked her mother: "Did the bride change her mind? She went down the siste with one man and came back with another" . . . The mountaineer told the census taker that he had four children, and that was all he was going to have because he had read in the al-manac that every fifth child born is a Chinaman.

The story is going around town hat a lady called the police de eartment to get help to locate her who had strayed little boy, from the house.

Over the phone she frantically told the cop: "My little boy has strayed off. I'd be glad if would come down here and help ue find him."

The cop couldn't hear any too well, and that phrase about "strayed off" was misunderstood 17, 7:30, at Millers Creek school stray dog."

for "stray dog."
"Don't get excited lady, we'll be right down and shoot him," the cop consoled.

NOT SURE OF ANYTHING.

A patrol wagon isn't much of car, but it'll do in a pinch. Lawyer (demanding)positive that the prisoner is the man who stole your car?

Witness-Well, I was until you cross-examined me. Now I'm not sure whether I ever had a car or

OPPORTUNITY-

The automobile motor began pounding on one of those late 1936 models and finally stopped altogether: Worried Young Reidsville Man

wonder what that knock could be? Blonde (snuggling closer)-Maybe its opportunity!

SPLENDID TREATMENT—
They were driving in the coun

try and suddenly he poticed that were tears in her lovely еуев. His heart melted and he took

her in his arms tenderly. He (as she melted into his

trong embrace)—Let me hose tears away. Still the tears flowed.

He—Can't nothing stop them!

She-Not out here in the coun-

ry. Its hay fever, but the treat-

The Hotel Astor had hired a new bus driver and instructed him to meet the incoming trains and announce in a loud voice: "Free bus to the Hotel Astor," self: "Free bus to the Hotel As-tor," until he had it perfect. Upon arriving at the station he became confused at all of the noise and hubdub and started as fol-

NOTICE To the Depositors and Creditors of Farmers and Merchants Bank,

Newton, N. C. You and each of you are hereby You and each of you are hereby notified that on April 20, 1946, all the assets of Farmers and Merchants Bank of Newton, N. C., were purchased by The Northwestern Bank, North Wilkesboro, N. C., with branches at Sparta, Boone, Blowing Rock, Burnsville, Bakersville, Jefferson, Taylorsville, Valdese, Spruce Pine, Old Fort, Black Mountain, Maiden and Newton, N. C., and all liabilities of said Newton, N. C., were assumed by the said The Northwestern Bank, North Wilkesboro, N. C. The pur-chase of said assets and the as-sumption of said liabilities were effected under agreement of pur-chase and merger entered into prior to said date between said hanks

banks.
This April 30, 1946.
EDWIN DUNCAN,
Executive Vice President The
Northwestern Bank, North Wilkesboro, N. C. 5-30-4t(T)

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lows: "Free Hotel at the Bust Your Astor," I mean, "Freeze Your Bust at the Hotel Astor," No, I mean: "Bust Your Actor at the Hotel Freeze ft."
"Oh h——III Take a street."

Two Local Girls On Wake Forest

**Executive Council** Miss Mary Nichols, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Nichols, and Miss Vivian Kerbaugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kerbaugh, have been elected officers of the Executive Council of Women's Government Association at Wake orest College.

The complete results of the association's election of officers follows: President, Virginia Norment of Lenoir; vice president, Mary Nichols, of North Wilkesboro; secretary, Vivian Ker-baugh, of North Wilkesboro; treasurer, Reda Umstead of Roxboro; chairman of the social standarda committee, Hazel Anderson of Lenoir; representative to the student council, Kay liams of Zebulon; sophomore representative, Janet Wilson of Safresentative, Janet Wilson of Sar-ety Harbor, Fla., junior repre-sentative, Dorothy Vaughn of Oxford; Town girls' representa-tive, Dorothy Jones of Wake For-

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he program is being put on-raise the \$160 needed by the oil to complete a \$500 fund for the purchase of additional land for the school. Admission God charge will be only 10 and 25

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