

## EVERY DETAIL OF ROAD WORK THWASHED OUT

### INTERESTING MEETING OF WASHINGTON GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION IS HELD.

#### MR. FALLIS PRESENT

Does Not Favor Contract Work. Advocates Township to Purchase Own Equipment. Answers Unanimous Other Questions.

At a meeting of the Washington Township Good Roads Association, at which over thirty members were present last night, W. S. Fallis, State highway engineer, made a most interesting and valuable address regarding road work in this and other parts of the State and answered a number of questions that were directed at him in rapid order by those members present, who desired to be enlightened regarding details of the work.

Mr. Fallis was introduced by E. L. Stewart, secretary of the association.

"Many towns in the western part of the State," began Mr. Fallis, "have not obtained as good results as they should have in their road work. This was one of the prime reasons for the establishment of the commission. The waste of money in the State for road building has been great and it was necessary to take some steps to get better results."

"The greatest fault in the past in our road building has been any matter of wrong doing, but a matter of ignorance on the part of the men doing the work. They were not trained or experienced and could not be expected to know how to proceed with the greatest economy and efficiency. If we want to advance our road building, we must have a matter of procedure in Washington Township, your road conditions will have to be thoroughly investigated and looked into. I am ready to do this and everything else that might be of assistance to you. Now, if there are any questions which some of the gentlemen here tonight would like to ask, I would be glad to answer them."

Mr. Warren—I would like to ask, Mr. Fallis, whether you have gone over all of the roads in the township?

Mr. Fallis—I've just driven over them in a car, but have not made a detailed observation.

Mr. Warren—What do you think would be the best road for us to build?

Mr. Fallis—I think a sand-clay road would prove to be the best. However, I am willing to put one of our engineers down here for two weeks and thoroughly investigate your conditions.

Judge Bragaw—I would like to ask, Mr. Fallis, whether there is a State fund provided for these engineers?

Mr. Fallis—Yes, sir; an even \$20,000.

Judge Bragaw—He would go over the territory himself and make preliminary investigations?

Mr. Fallis—Yes.

Mr. Archbell—And report to you?

Mr. Fallis—Yes. And then I will come back and look over the situation again with him. I'll put a man here who is thoroughly acquainted with the eastern part of the State and competent to do the work.

Mr. Warren—You would then strongly advise the township to employ an engineer?

Mr. Fallis—All the time. I would have the entire work done under his supervision.

Mr. Warren—What salary would he draw?

Mr. Fallis—He would probably draw whole time for a couple of months and then half time after that. He'd cost you \$150 a month for the first two months and \$100 or less after that.

Mr. Stewart—Who is the man you have in mind for making this preliminary survey?

Mr. Fallis—Mr. Snowden, of Currituck county. I believe him to be one of the best obtainable.

Mr. Swindell—How would you advise us to have the work done—by contract?

Mr. Fallis—No. I would advise force contract. It has proven to be about 20 per cent cheaper than contract work and also better.

Mr. Grimes—The township would then have to buy its own equipment?

Mr. Fallis—Yes.

Mr. Grimes—How much would it cost?

Mr. Fallis—About \$5,000 or \$10,000. However, this is more of an investment than any expenditure. If you buy mules about six years old and weighing seven hundred pounds they would be in their prime by the time your work was finished and you could sell them for about the same amount you paid for them.

Mr. Swindell—What proportion of this amount goes for machinery?

Mr. Fallis—About \$2,500.

Mr. Swindell—And the rest for mules?

Mr. Fallis—Yes. And you must remember that your machinery will come in mighty good for maintenance work.

Mr. Grimes—Will the roads have to be straightened?

Mr. Fallis—Yes, but I do not believe there will be any damage to pay.

Mr. Stewart—Would Mr. Snowden select his own townships?

Mr. Fallis—I believe it would be the best plan for him to do so. He should preferably be a man who does not live in the county, so he will not be subject to any special influence.

Mr. Stewart—Will the engineer look after the purchasing of equipment?

Mr. Fallis—Yes.

Mr. Warren—How long will it take to complete our road work?

Mr. Fallis—A \$25,000 road usually takes about two and a half or three years. It depends a great deal upon local conditions.

Mr. Stewart—Mr. Fallis, what is the usual life of a sand-clay road?

Mr. Fallis—It is indefinite. If you maintain it properly it should last forever.

Mr. Morse—What is the cost of maintenance per mile per year?

Mr. Fallis—It runs from \$5 to \$50.

Judge Bragaw—Would the problem of proper drainage evolve more cost for us?

Mr. Fallis—Yes, to some extent.

Mr. Stewart—What would be the best method of operation—for the State Highway Commission to work with the engineer?

Mr. Fallis—The best plan would be for you to appoint a committee of three men to act as an executive committee.

Mr. Stewart—Would it be necessary to pay them a salary?

Mr. Fallis—No, it is not customary.

Mr. Stewart—If we spend \$50,000 here, should we then employ a competent man to look after the roads?

Mr. Fallis—By all means, yes.

Mr. Stewart—What salary would we have to pay him?

Mr. Fallis—You would not have to pay the same kind of a man as you did for your construction work. His work would be largely dragging and keeping ditches open. You ought to get him for about \$50 a month.

Mr. Parzisher—How wide would you advise building the roads?

Mr. Fallis—Thirty feet. Then you'll have a right of way that will be there for future work. It costs little more to build a wide road than a narrow one.

Mr. Grimes—How many men are usually employed in a gang?

Mr. Fallis—It depends on the number of miles. If you have 25 miles, you ought to have about 25 equal number of men. It also depends upon the amount of drainage work.

Mr. Grimes—Can you use as many as 25 mules in one gang?

Mr. Fallis—Yes, and 25 mules if necessary.

Mr. Grimes—How many gangs ought we to use?

Mr. Fallis—One big gang would be sufficient. It would be the best plan to take a little more time and get more efficient results.

Mr. Grimes—Is that man, Snowden, qualified to build bridges and culverts?

Mr. Fallis—Yes, but does that come out of your bond issue or does the county pay for it?

## TO START DRAINING LAKE MATTAMUSKEET JUNE 1.

### Engineers Expect to Have Work Finished by That Time Contract signed for Excavation in July, 1913

yards of excavation up to the present date. The original cost of excavation was estimated at about \$375,000. This has been increased over \$50,000, thus making the cost of the excavation over \$425,000.

Entire new equipment was purchased for this job, erected in Belhaven, and towed to the work. The cost of the plant, ready for work, was near \$100,000.

The main ditch, from the sound to the pumping station, is seven and one-half miles long, seventy feet wide, eight feet deep at the mouth and six feet at the pumping station, i. e. below sea level. From the pumping station in the lake, the main canals run east and west. Smaller canals lead out of these running north, and are one and one-half miles apart. The odd numbers running to the boundary levee, the even numbers running just across the lake.

Unless something unforeseen occurs to delay things the pumps will start draining the Mattamuskeet Lake on or about June 1 next. This is one of the greatest drainage undertakings ever attempted in this country. Those in charge of the mammoth scheme are optimistic as to the final result and it begins to look to the outsider that their claims will hold good.

The contract was signed for the excavation of the ditches in Lake Mattamuskeet district on July 16, 1913. The time for completion was thirty months from this date. It was contemplated then that the work would amount to about ninety-one miles of ditches and three million two hundred fifty thousand yards of excavation. Since that time there has been added to this about fifty miles of ditches with nearly a million yards of excavation. The largest ditches have all been completed, and there has been nearly three million

## NEGRO WHO SHOT OFFICER GETS FIVE YEARS

### Shot Rocky Mount Policeman. Was Given Sentence There Yesterday Afternoon.

(By Eastern Press)

Rocky Mount, Jan. 22.—Bud Weller, the negro who on Christmas Eve shot Officer Walter Bartholomew of this city, dangerously wounding him, and who came near precipitating a lynching, was tried here yesterday afternoon. Weller had been sent to Tarboro in order to prevent any mob action, which it was feared would be attempted if the negro was allowed to remain here.

He was sentenced to five years imprisonment yesterday. Officer Bartholomew, it is stated, will recover.

## PITTSBURGH TO HEAR FIRST SPEECH ON PREPAREDNESS

Washington, Jan. 22.—President Wilson plans to speak in Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Des Moines and Javenport on the first trip he will take to lay his national defense program before the country. He expects to leave Washington January 28, and remain away one week.

Preliminary plans for the second trip to be made about the middle of next month, already are being considered. This journey probably will take the President as far west as Denver, and if possible he will swing through the south to stop at Birmingham and other cities.

Pittsburgh will hear the first preparedness speech, Saturday, January 29th.

Mr. Fallis—As the work progresses I will be glad to run down here as often as I can—at least once a month—and advise you to the best of my ability.

Mr. Stewart—What is the pleasure of the association regarding suggestions to the board of commissioners relative to the appointment of three men to act as an executive committee?

Mr. Swindell—I don't believe anything will be done by the board regarding this point until the bonds are accepted. Relative to suggestions, I believe that the board will be glad to have them, but at the same time, I want to say that the board will use its own judgment regardless of who is recommended of who makes the recommendations.

It was then moved that the matter be deferred until a later meeting.

Judge Bragaw read the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That this association pledge its hearty co-operation with any other township in Beaufort county, which may indicate its desire for good roads in such township, and its aid in every way possible to encourage and foster the spread of the good road movement in Beaufort county."

Judge Bragaw, on behalf of the association, also expressed sincere appreciation and thanks to Mr. Fallis for his interest in the good roads movement here and for the assistance that he has rendered.

The further business being brought forward, the meeting adjourned.

## HANGS CHILDREN AND TAKES HER OWN LIFE

Lyons, N. Y., Jan. 22.—Mrs. Edwin Payne, 36 years old, hanged her four-year-old daughter, her two-year-old son and herself with three separate pieces of clothes line attached to a hook in the ceiling of the family home in Alloway, three miles south of here, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Payne found the bodies of his wife and children when he returned home from work last night. He told the coroner's jury his wife had been acting strangely for several days.

## CELEBRATED THE ANNIVERSARIES OF LEE AND JACKSON

### Daughters and Children of the Confederacy Prepared Interesting Program.

The anniversaries of General Lee and President Jackson's birthdays were observed in Washington by an excellent program rendered last night at the court house under the auspices of the United Daughters and Children of the Confederacy. An appreciative audience attended the exercises.

The program was opened by the singing of "The Old North State" by the Children of the Confederacy, which was followed by a prayer by Rev. E. M. Selpe.

Miss Beale Connolly sang a most beautiful selection in her usual talented manner. Mrs. Harold Washburn recited "Mars' Robert Is Asleep" with exceptional impressiveness and feeling. Her part on the program was one of the most enjoyable of the evening and she was accorded generous applause.

Frank Bryan appropriately introduced the speaker of the evening, H. C. Carter, Jr., who delivered an interesting address on the life and deeds of the two heroes of the South. He paid high tribute to the characters of both Lee and Jackson, told what the two men meant to the South and gave an extremely entertaining and also educational account of Jackson's valley campaign.

Miss Glasgow sang two selections: "Annie Laurie" and "The Last Rose of Summer," which were especially appreciated by the old veterans present. The singing of "America" and the benediction by Rev. H. B. Seagriff, ended the program.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. B. Seagriff. Subject of morning sermon, "Perplexities of Providence." Theme of evening discourse, "Steadfastness of Faith."

Sunday School at 3:00 p. m., H. G. Moss, Supt., J. B. Sparrow, Asst. Supt. and teacher of Men's Bible Class.

Strangers and traveling men are cordially invited to all the services of the church. "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good."

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## THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF GERMS.



The Wife: "What are you prancing round like that for, Abner?" Ab: "Gosh, can't ye see I'm a-dodgin' grip germs?" —Rehse in New York World.

## WORST FLOOD IN DECADE IS AT HEIGHT IN ILLINOIS

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Northern Illinois last night faced the worst flood conditions of a decade. Small streams had become torrents and larger rivers inundated thousands of acres, marooned hundreds of homes, and did damage estimated at many hundreds thousands dollars.

The Des Plaines river inundated Rockdale to a depth of six feet, and flooded the lower section of Joliet. Whole sections of Aurora were flooded.

The Rock river and its tributaries, the Peatonica and Sugar rivers, threatened the destruction of Inter-urban and steam railroad bridges. Boats and rafts took the place of

## FEDERAL CENSORSHIP IS OPPOSED BY SMALL

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—Congressman John H. Small, of North Carolina, today expressed himself as being very much opposed to the Hughes-Smith bill, which provides for Federal censorship of all motion picture films. In speaking on the subject this morning, he had the following to say:

"The Hughes-Smith bill providing for federal censorship of all motion picture films is only one of the many activities seeking to have the federal government take over the local police powers of the states, and supervise the moral of local communities," said Representative John H. Small, of North Carolina. "The State of North Carolina and all other states are amply prepared to supervise the morals of its citizens as any commission appointed by the President or by Congress.

## SPLENDID PROGRAM AT NEW THEATRE CANNING FACTORY FOR ELIZABETH CITY

The New Theatre will offer their patrons tonight a splendid program, in which there will be a fine three-reel feature by Essanay entitled, "The Call of the Sea." There will also be two single reels of good comedy and drama. For Monday night this house will have a seven reel program in which they will offer the first episode of what they believe will be the best serial that they have yet had a chance to present. Francis Ford and Grace Cunard, those two great characters that made such a hit here in "Lucile Love" will take the leading parts in this new serial, "The Broken Coin," which will run for fifteen weeks, with two reels every Monday night. It is predicted that the house will be crowded Monday night.

These gentlemen say that they are ready to erect a cannery if Pasquotank farmers will co-operate with them by undertaking small experiments in tomato culture this year. If for instance, one hundred and twenty-five farmers will agree to plant an acre in tomatoes this year, the matter of erecting a cannery will be begun at once.

SEED POTATOES, ONION SEEDS, garden seed and seed oats at E. K. WILLIS, both stores. 1-21.2c.

## ROCKY MT. PLANS TO HAVE WILSON VISIT THAT CITY

AN INVITATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED HIM BY THE CURRENT TOPICS CLUB.

### THINK HE'LL COME

As City Is Largest in Kitchin's District, and on Majority Ledger is Opposed to Plans, Believed Wilson Will Accept.

(By Eastern Press) Rocky Mount, Jan. 22.—President Wilson has been extended an invitation by the membership committee of the Current Topics club of this city to include Rocky Mount in his "swing around the circle" to explain his views on the preparedness question.

News was received here this morning that as Rocky Mount is the largest city in Mr. Kitchin's district and as the latter is holding no stones returned to make his constituents endorse his views on additional defense, the invitation from this city will be seriously considered.

It is expected that definite word from Washington will be received shortly. Should the President accept, special trains will be run to Rocky Mount from every city in the eastern part of the State and many thousands of visitors will undoubtedly take advantage of the opportunity of hearing and seeing the chief executive of the United States.

Will Visit State. Washington, Jan. 22.—President Wilson informed Senators Simmons and Overman today that he would not be able to visit North Carolina on his first swing around the circuit which begins some time next week, but that he will make another trip shortly after he returns and he expects to visit at least two North Carolina cities.

## HAS BOUGHT OUT PURE MILK CO.

West End Dairy and Pure Milk Co. Will Be Consolidated in the Future.

James A. Hackney, acting as agent for the West End Dairy Co., has purchased the Pure Milk Co., the offices of which have been located at the corner of Third and Market streets. Mr. Hackney stated this morning that the Pure Milk Co. would in the future be operated with the West End Dairy and that the power and water of the latter plant would be used entirely.

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TO-NIGHT

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## BELLMO TODAY

BILLIE RITCHIE In a 2-reel L-KO Comedy "ROOM AND BOARD—A DOLLAR AND A HALF"

JANE NOVAK In a two-reel drama "THE GREATER COURAGE"

MATINEE DAILY—A P. M. SCHOOL CHILDREN