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BUILDING GOOD ROADS IN STOKES COUNTY

About 30 Miles Of Highway Has Been Completed By County, While More Than 40 Miles Is Under Contract--Where Some Of the Roads Have Been and Are Being Built.

Stokes county is building good roads. A tour of the several townships of the county will convince the most skeptical of this fact. One almost completely loses his bearings in going through some of the sections where nice soil roads and easy grades have replaced the steep red hills. For instance, the new highway from Flat Shoal church to Capella has so completely changed things that one can barely realize where he is while traveling this road. The same thing may be said of the fine stretch of highway from Lawsonville to the Virginia line.

According to the best information available the new county highway commission has already completed more than thirty miles of road and has under contract forty or more miles.

The act under which the Stokes County Highway Commission was created authorized that body to issue bonds for road building to the amount of sixty thousand dollars per year for a period of five years. Only sixty thousand dollars has been issued under this act so far, and if the board is able to continue work at the present rate it will likely not be necessary to issue bonds more than twice after this year, as all the roads needed will be constructed by that time, it is thought.

Six mule and wheeler outfits and eight tractors are engaged in the county road work in Stokes at present.

The road from Danbury to H. H. Reid's via Hartman was finished and soiled some time since and is in good condition, this being a part of the highway to Virginia at present.

Between Piedmont Springs and Jewel forces are at work now building an excellent road through the hills, about 2½ miles of this having been finished already. This will be the nearest route to Virginia when completed and is an important road, serving a large part of the northern section of the county.

Between Oak Ridge church and Lackey's store in Snow Creek township an excellent road has been graded and the soil is being put on it now, being almost finished. This is part of the road from Sandy Ridge to Campbell post-office.

Work was started last week on the road from Oak Ridge church to Dan Priddy's, this road making connection with the Danbury-Campbell road at Snider Priddy's garage, and giving Danbury and Sandy Ridge connection.

Good progress is being made on the highway from Campbell postoffice to the State highway

near Francisco, which leads by the way of Hart's store, F. L. Moore's and R. W. George's mill. Forces are at work on both ends of the road, which is about 6 miles in length and is a very important highway.

The highway from Lawsonville all the way to the Virginia line has been graded and soiled and is a fine road. In going from Danbury to Stuart last Friday State Highway Commissioner Hanes went over this road and was well pleased with it.

A much-needed road has been completed from Hollins' lumber yard at Meadows to Fulcher's ford bridge, which is a shorter connection between the county seat and the Red Shoals and Dillard sections. This road has not been soiled. It is about 2 miles in length.

Before the creation of the county highway commission the county commissioners constructed an excellent soil road from Flat Shoal church, in Meadows township, to Capella, this being a part of King-Danbury highway, making connection at Capella with the Moore's Springs-King highway.

The above mentioned are only a part of the roads being constructed.

MORE TIME GIVEN TO GET AUTO TAGS

Secretary Of State Announced Monday That His Office Was 11,000 Orders Behind In Sending Out the Tags.

The Secretary of State notified county and city officials Monday of this week that his office was about 11,000 behind in filling orders for automobile license tags, and he requested that enforcement of the law be held up until July 19th.

After receiving this notice the officials of Winston-Salem announced that that city would not begin enforcement of the law until Monday, July 23rd.

Revival Meetings At Danbury M. E. Church

Revival meeting at Methodist church in Danbury beginning next Sunday morning, July 22. Rev. R. S. Tuttle, of Centenary church, Greensboro, will be with us on Tuesday, 24th and will do the preaching during remainder of the week through Sunday.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend all services.

M. Q. TUTTLE,
Pastor.

Mrs. John S. Cunningham, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Danbury today. She visited the summer school while here.

SPECIAL SESSION LEGISLATURE ?

Remedial Legislation Is Necessary To Keep State Prison Open--No Funds Available To Pay Operating Expenses.

Raleigh, July 16.—An immediate special session of the legislature is seriously threatened by an enactment of the last regular session, discovered today, that directs transfer of all revenues of the state prison to the general fund of the treasury, but which makes no appropriation whatsoever for its maintenance.

Under the law, effective July 1, the prison authorities are required to turn over to the state treasury every dollar collected from the prisons' various sources of revenue, but authority is lacking to draw out enough money to buy a can of pork and beans. State officials seemed positive tonight that the only way to keep the prison open would be to defy the law or enact remedial legislation at a special session. Governor Morrison, Treasurer Ben R. Lacy, Auditor Baxter Durham and Prison Superintendent Geo. Ross Pou were concerned over the situation tonight, and the governor declared he could see no way out except through a special session.

PRISON WITHOUT FUNDS.

Heretofore, the prison has supported itself from its own earnings. The maintenance cost approximates \$500,000 a year. In the last session a bill went through that became chapter 157 of the public laws of 1923, which provided that all receipts of the prison should be deposited in treasury and that the prison should be placed under an appropriation. But no appropriation was made, and not one penny is available for feeding the prisoners, paying the guards or meeting the other expenses. The bill, a regular "bone," is reported to have been introduced as a part of the prison reform program of the state department of public welfare and the citizens committee of one hundred, which it created.

Superintendent Pou denied tonight any responsibility for the bill or any knowledge of its introduction in the last general assembly. Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, commissioner of public welfare, is out of the city. The measure was introduced by Representative Clem Wright, of Greensboro, who handled much of the legislative program of the welfare department.

The law under which the department works empowers it to make recommendations to the governor as to needed legislation but Governor Morrison said no one had consulted him about the bill during the last session, and that the first he knew of its existence was this afternoon, when Auditor Durham presented the statute. The governor and council state will consider the situation tomorrow.

Something will have to be done

ANNUAL PICNIC OF ODD FELLOWS

C. O. McMichael Will Deliver the Address For the Occasion—Meeting At Pinnacle, July 19th.

The Odd Fellows of the fourteenth district, comprising the counties of Wilkes, Stokes, Surry, Forsyth, and Yadkin, will meet at Pinnacle Thursday, July 19, in their annual picnic. The public in general is cordially invited to be present on this occasion. Several thousand people are expected to attend the picnic this year.

The address this year will be delivered by C. O. McMichael, of Winston-Salem, past grand master of the grand lodge of North Carolina, who is one of the best posted men in the state on Odd Fellowship.

Two members of the playground department of the city of Winston-Salem will be present to direct games for the little folks and young people. There is plenty of playground room where the picnic is to be held and the children are looking forward to a joyful occasion.

Pilot Mountain is nearby, and many of the picnickers are expected to visit this beautiful place during the day. The view from the top of the pinnacle is well worth the climb that is necessary to reach the summit of the mountain.

There are excellent swimming and bathing facilities near the grounds for those who enjoy this sort of sport. Bathing suits should be carried along.

The big picnic dinner will be served promptly at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. All families are expected to carry well filled baskets of provisions. Those who do not carry baskets may obtain their dinner at a nominal cost. All money raised in this manner will go to the Odd Fellows' orphanage at Goldsboro.

A large delegation of Winston-Salem Odd Fellows are planning to attend the picnic. Many members of the Rebekah degree will also go, as this branch of the order is co-operating in arranging for the picnic.

Presbyterian Services At Stokes Churches

AT SANDY RIDGE—

Rev. George L. Cooper, of Durham, will conduct a series of meetings beginning Tuesday, July 24th and ending Sunday, July 29th.

immediately, as the prison is altogether without authority to disburse money it realizes from its own sources of revenue or to draw upon the treasurer for financial support.

"I have now about \$40,000 worth of vouchers at the prison," Mr. Pou said tonight, "which the auditor will not honor. We are just suspended. We are directed to pay over to the general fund all the moneys we collect and no provision has been made for our maintenance."

STOKES MAY LOSE STATE HIGHWAY

Unless Much Cheaper Route Can Be Had For Danbury-Clemmons' Ford Road—Commissioner A. S. Hanes Visits Stokes and Patrick Counties.

State Highway Commissioner A. S. Hanes, of Winston-Salem, accompanied by John L. Gilmer, chairman of the Highway Council P. A. Gorrell, chairman of the Agricultural Council and W. T. Ritter, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, all of Winston-Salem, visited Stuart, Virginia, Friday last in the interest of an interstate highway from Winston-Salem to Roanoke via Danbury, Stuart and Floyd court house. The party was joined here by several citizens of Stokes.

It will be remembered that a large delegation of Winston-Salem business men visited Stuart several months ago on the same proposition. At that time the building of the road was discussed in a most enthusiastic manner, but since then very little has been said publicly on the subject. It is known, however, that the proposition to construct the road has been kept before the road officials of the two states in a way that will probably result in a definite program being formulated in the near future.

The exact purpose of the visit Friday has not been made public, but some interesting announcement will probably follow the conference in Stuart.

It was announced at the former meeting that Virginia is ready to spend the amount of bonds provided by the Stuart section some time ago in building this important connection. It is generally believed that the visit of Commissioner Hanes last week is an indication that North Carolina and Virginia are ready to unite in the construction of this road.

It is learned that Mr. Hanes was well pleased with the new soil road which has recently been constructed from Danbury to the Virginia line.

While in Stokes Friday Commissioner Hanes went over a part of the Danbury - Clemmons' Ford road, the bid for the construction of which was turned down at the last letting of contracts by the State Highway Commission. The contractor wanted \$257,000 for the construction of the road and bridges.

While the highway commission is anxious to build the road it is not willing to spend anything like \$257,000 on it, and it is learned that a new survey will be made soon with the object of getting a shorter or cheaper route.

There are two routes over which the road from Danbury to Clemmons' Ford can go. One is the route through Quaker Gap township via Moore's Springs, and it is this route which the State has surveyed and which the contractor wants more than a quarter of a million to build. The

93 GIVEN MEDICAL LICENSE IN STATE

Reeves Jones, Son of Dr. A. G. Jones, of Walnut Cove, Is Among the Number Granted License This Week.

Raleigh, July 16.—Ninety-three additional doctors have been added to the medical profession in the state, it was announced tonight following the final examination today of papers submitted by the newly created doctors who passed the prescribed tests of the state.

Dr. K. P. Bonner, secretary of the state board of examiners, stated that a total of 147 applicants presented themselves for licenses. Twenty-eight of these applied for endorsement of credentials without examinations. Of those taking the examinations, Alan Ramseur Anderson, of Statesville, ranked first with an average of 94.7 per cent.

Robert Reeves Jones, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Jones, of Walnut Cove, was among those who successful passed the examination for license to practice medicine.

Orphans To Sing At Walnut Cove

The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage will appear at the Baptist church in Walnut Cove on Monday night, July 30th. The public is cordially invited to come out to the performance.

other route, which the State has never surveyed, is through Peter's Creek township via Buck Island bridge and Piney Grove. It is stated that this route is three miles shorter than the Quaker Gap - Moore's Springs route, and that it can be built for less than half the money asked for the other, while it is further contended that the saving to the State in building bridges will amount to 50 or 75 thousand dollars.

Some two years since when the location of the route for this road was being discussed Commissioner Doughton stated that both routes would be surveyed and the best one selected, but for some reason only the Moore's Springs route was surveyed by the State. However, private subscriptions were made up and the Buck Island bridge route was surveyed later, this survey showing the heaviest grade on the route to be considerably less than six per cent with very little if any rock, and the distance about three miles shorter.

Reliable information is received here to the effect that the State Highway Commission, in view of the large amount asked by contractors for the construction of the Danbury-Clemmons' Ford road, has fixed a limit of \$110,000 for the construction of the road and it appears probable that unless a much cheaper route can be found the road will not be built at all.