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STOKES HAS FARED WORSE THAN HERTFORD

Has No Prospect of Getting Any Hard-Surface Road From \$65,000,000 Bond Issue--Adjoining Counties Have Many Miles--Much Discrimination.

The item appearing below from Hertford county appeared in the daily papers Sunday:

Ahoskie, July 19.—Hertford county receives with joy the news that comes from Raleigh, to the effect that the general assembly can be reasonably expected to issue more bonds for building its system of state highways. This county has had the same experience of many other northeastern counties, in receiving but little permanent road construction from the \$65,000,000 in bonds already issued. Specifications for the first hard road in the county were turned over to contractors by the highway commission last Monday, bids to be opened August 5. It is for 8.98 miles, between Ahoskie and Winton, the county seat.

Stokes county has fared even worse than Hertford at the hands of the State Highway Commission. It is learned that the \$65,000,000 has about been exhausted and Stokes has not had a foot of hard-surface, and the prospect is that we will not get a foot.

The highway from the county seat to the railroad—Danbury to Walnut Cove—the most important road in the county, built several years since by the county, will not even be hard-surfaced, and this is the only outlet the county seat has.

The three counties joining Stokes—Forsyth, Rockingham and Surry—have many miles of hard-surface, built by the State out of the \$65,000,000 bond issue. A prominent Rockingham citizen here last week stated that his county had even forty miles of hard-surface built by the State, while we have been refused one 10-mile stretch from the county seat the railway, and the only outlet from the county seat. Why this discrimination? Our people are at a loss to understand.

News and Personals Of King Community

King, July 21.—There will be a big picnic and Co-Op rally here Saturday, August 2nd. A large crowd is expected. It will last all day. Everybody is requested to bring lunch. Refreshments will be served free on the ground. Mr. Jas. H. Craig, treasurer of the Co-operative association, will deliver an address at 10:00 A. M. Box lunch and refreshments will be served at 12:00 noon. Mr. G. A. Norwood, president of the association will speak at 2:00 P. M. and at 4:00 P. M.

The relatives and friends of Mrs. Clade Jones gave her a surprise birthday dinner yesterday. Quite a large crowd was present. This was Mrs. Jones' thirtieth mile stone.

Harvey Pullian had the misfortune to break his arm while cranking a Ford here yesterday.

Rev. Robert H. Saback, assisted by Rev. John W. Wood, of Rome, Ga., are holding a two weeks meeting in the auditorium of the high school building here.

Mr. Clyde R. Combs, of Camp Bragg, and Miss Georgia Sams, of Pinnacle, were quietly united in the holy bonds of matrimony here last week by Rev. Paul H. Newsum. They will make their home at Camp Bragg, N. C.

Work on Elsie Moser's nice new home on West Main street is well underway.

N. S. Jones has purchased from E. P. Newsum a nice residence lot in Pilot View. Mr. Jones states that he will probably build a new home on this lot and move his family to King.

A rabid dog passed through here Saturday. So far as known no one was bitten.

Master Claud Smoot, of Elkin, is spending several days with Master Garvey Pardue here.

Dr. Lee Kiser, of Statesville, spent Sunday with his parents near here.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Caudle, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. Dr. R. S. Helsabeck, who underwent an operation in a Richmond, Va. hospital last week, is getting on nicely we are glad to not.

Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Keizer, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with relatives near here.

Engineer Austin, of the State highway forces, visited Elkin and Greensboro yesterday.

COUNTY TAX RATE IS FIXED

For Schools, 81 Cents; Roads, 71 Cents; General County Tax 15 Cents—Total Levy \$1.67 On \$100.

At the recent special meeting of the Stokes County Commissioners the tax rate on property in the county was fixed, and for this year will be as follows:

For schools, 81 cents on the \$100 valuation of property.
For roads, 71 cents.
For general county purposes, 15 cents.

The above levy does not include special taxes for schools in the several townships and school districts of the county.

Must Stop Riding In Bathing Suits

Raleigh, June 17.—"Bathing suits for riding has got to stop," Mayor E. E. Culbreth declared last night. "Folks are complaining about it."

According to information reaching the office of the mayor of Raleigh, young men and young women are putting on their bathing suits at their homes and riding brazenly through the streets to the swimming pool with arms bare and only their middles covered with jerseyed swimming gear.

Word has come to the office of the mayor that the peace of mind and moral aloofness of those, who sit at home in the afternoon on their front porches and rock and chat, has been ruined by the young demons riding by.

"Something has got to be done about it," are the advices from the mayor's sources of information.

We've been having a lot of complaint about it. It's all right for them to dress at home but they ought to wear a bathrobe or something through the streets. Got to be stopped. Girls going in drug stores for drinks in little one-piece bathing suits."

THREE STILLS ARE CAPTURED

Also Some Whiskey and Beer Are Destroyed By Sheriff Dunlap and Deputies—One Plant Doing Big Business.

Three blockade distilleries were captured Friday afternoon by Sheriff Dunlap and Deputies Posey Flinchum and Henry Dunlap. One of the stills was found near Walnut Cove, the other two being located near the power plant on Dan river. Five gallons of whiskey, ten barrels of beer, one barrel of peach pumace and the equipment at the stills were destroyed. One of the stills had apparently been operated for probably a year and was making moonshine on a large scale.

The stills were stored in the county jail. No arrests were made as no one was seen around the distilleries.

WANT MONEY FOR SCHOOLS

State Supt. Allen Will Ask Legislature To Authorize A Loan of \$5,000,000 To the Counties of the State.

Raleigh, July 18.—When the extra session of the general assembly convenes here in August it will be asked by Superintendent of Public Instruction A. T. Allen for authority to make a loan of \$500,000 to the various counties of the state for erection of new schools, according to an announcement made from the office of the superintendent.

Under the plan as now carried on the state borrows the money in a large sum at a low rate of interest and lends it to the counties at the same rate interest thereby allowing them a much lower rate than they could get on small loans. The counties repay the state on 20 annual payments at an average interest rate of 4 1/2 per cent. The loan is usually for fifty per cent of the cost of the proposed building. Preference is given the smaller counties and emphasis is laid on the erection of elementary high schools rather than on high schools where the elementary schools are not up to standard.

Superintendent Allen expressed the opinion that this loan system was the most beneficial legislation along educational lines insofar as the small counties are concerned, that was ever enacted in the state. Mr. Allen also stated that a loan would be asked for next January if this one is granted and the demand from the counties continues.

New Postmaster At King Office

Washington, July 22.—The postoffice department announces that Charles M. Moore has been appointed postmaster at King, Stokes county. That position was resigned by Calvin O. Boyles, and Charles M. Moore has been the acting postmaster.

WANT \$35,000,000 MORE FOR ROADS

Advocates of the Measure Say Sentiment Is For It—Build Roads While Organization Is Intact.

Raleigh, July 22.—Thirty-five million dollars for the completion of the highway system, with a floating fund of ten million dollars to be used in the discretion of the state highway commission in equalizing construction among the districts will be asked of the special session of the General Assembly, according to members of the road committee of the House who discussed the matter of continued road appropriation here yesterday.

Proponents of the measure who have made a partial canvass of the membership of the two houses declared that sentiment is almost wholly in favor of some definite action at the special session, and that \$35,000,000, enough to round out the hundred million dollars worth of roads, is generally accepted as the amount that will be required for completing the work undertaken in 1921 when the first fifty-million was appropriated.

Provision for the floating fund will satisfy both the First and Ninth districts, which have been organizing for a year to demand some special relief for unusual conditions that obtain in those districts. The first district complains of the unusual amount of water and absorption of much of its road money in building necessary bridges. In the ninth they have too much mountain to be moved before a road can be built.

General legislation will remove the demand for special legislation it is pointed out. More than twenty members of the General Assembly have local measures for introduction that would require the addition of certain roads to the state map and their immediate construction. These measures have been recognized as sources of difficulty in the forthcoming session, and the opening of bars to a flood of special demands by legislation.

Governor Morrison has expressed himself as of the opinion that the regular session ought to add 35 million dollars to the 65 already spent but indicated that he thought it should be done by the regular session in January. Road enthusiasts in the present body are doubtful of the attitude of the 1925 Assembly and are desirous of availing themselves of the sentiment for roads in the special session that has already been tried out.

Another possible angle that has been in the background for some months, but which many advocated earlier in the year, is the addition of 2,500 miles of road to the state map thru a provision to connect every county seat by the most direct route. Every county town is now connected, directly or indirectly but the new measure would pro-

DEATH OF PETER A. GORRELL

One Of Winston-Salem's Foremost Citizens Succumbs To Short Illness—Well Known Over State.

Winston-Salem, July 22.—Peter A. Gorrell, member of the board of Aldermen of Winston-Salem and one of the city's most highly esteemed and enterprising citizens, died at Memorial Hospital this morning about 11:45. Mr. Gorrell had been ill for several days, recently having undergone an operation followed by complications which ended in his death today.

Peter Albert Gorrell, who was in his forty-seventh year, was born on May 16, 1878, the son of the late A. B. Gorrell and Fannie Wilson Gorrell. He was a life-long resident of Winston-Salem and had always manifested a keen interest in matters of concern to the city. He was educated in the local schools, and after completing the course he entered Bryn and Stratton Business College, at Baltimore. Later he was a student at the University of North Carolina, and after several years there he became associated with his brother, Robert W. Gorrell, in the tobacco business in this city.

Mr. Gorrell was known as a warehouseman of ability, and his long experience justified his reputation. His first experience was in the operation of the Farmers Warehouse, on Liberty and Trade streets, the business later being moved to the old Star warehouse, on Main street the name being changed to Farmers' at the time they occupied it. Several years afterward the Messrs. Gorrell took over the Leader warehouse at the corner of Sixth and Trade streets, and it has since been operated under the name of "Gorrell's."

Mr. Gorrell had been a member of the First Presbyterian church since early boyhood and had long been a deacon of the church. He is survived by his wife, who before marriage was Miss Bertha Shelton; one daughter, Miss Dorothea Cobane Gorrell; two sons, Albert B. and John Shelton Gorrell; two sisters, Mrs. H. L. Riggins, of this city and Mrs. J. H. Fariss, of Greensboro, and one brother, Robert W. Gorrell, of this city. Three uncles, N. S. Wilson, T. J. Wilson, P. A. Wilson, and one aunt, Mrs. B. M. Rose, also survive.

vide direct connection from county to county.

Advocates of immediate action also point out possibility of retaining Frank Page at the head of the Highway Commission, provided he is given money enough to make the job of continued interest to him. He has indicated that he would regard the job completed and would retire at the end of his term, which expires May 1, 1925. Friends of the measure and of Mr. Page say that he would remain if he had money to build roads with.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

To Be Held At King August 5 and 6—Plans Are Being Rapidly Completed—Large Attendance Expected.

Programs are out and plans are being rapidly completed for holding the Stokes County Sunday School Convention on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 5 and 6. The convention will be held with Baptist church at King, N. C., the opening session being held at 8:00 o'clock, Tuesday night, August 5. It is expected that there will be a good attendance from various parts of the county at this first meeting. Other sessions will be held Wednesday morning and afternoon, the convention closing Wednesday night.

Officers in charge of plans and program for the convention have announced that the program has been prepared with the idea of having "a convention for the discussion of practical problems." The plan is to make it possible for worker from all departments of the Sunday school to receive practical suggestions concerning their specific work.

During the convention there will be question and discussion periods when those present will be given an opportunity to present their Sunday school problems for discussion, and ask any questions on Sunday school work.

The convention is inter-denominational and workers from all Sunday schools of all evangelical denominations are invited to participate in the work. The Stokes County Sunday School Association under whose direction the convention is being held is one of the seventy-six county Sunday school associations now organized in the State in connection with the work of the North Carolina Sunday School Association.

Frank D. Grist's Majority Is 32,535

Raleigh, July 22.—With returns from every county in the hands of the state board of elections this morning, "approximately accurate" figures of the last primary show that Frank D. Grist world war veteran, defeated Commissioner of Labor and Printing Shipman for the nomination by a majority of 32,535.

Analysis of the figures show that Grist polled only 200 more votes in the second primary than he did in the first, while Mr. Shipman's first strength, apparently did not get to the polls. The vote was Grist 69,382; Shipman 36,847.

No estimate of the cost of either the first or the second primary has been made, secretary Beasley announced, and John Hall Manning, campaign manager so far has not yet filed an expense statement for his candidate. Mr. Shipman's expenses amounted to about \$1,100.