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## CONTRACTS FOR BRIDGES LET

Meeting Of County Road Board Held Here Monday—B. P. Bailey Succeeds John J. Taylor As Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Stokes County Highway Commission held here Monday contracts were awarded for the construction of 5 bridges in the county, as follows:

One at Phillips' mill in Yadkin township, price \$3,536.00.

One at Peter Johnson's, in Yadkin township, price \$3,010.00.

One at Wiley Tuttle's in Meadows township, price \$2,560.00.

One across Little Yadkin river, in Yadkin township, price \$3,186.00.

One across Big creek, in Big Creek township, price \$3,082.00.

The total cost of the five bridges is \$16,374.00.

J. L. Brinkley, of Thomasville, was lowest bidder on the first four mentioned bridges, while R. R. King, of Danbury, was lowest on the last mentioned bridge in Big Creek township.

John J. Taylor, who has been secretary of the highway commission since its formation, and who was recently elected Register of Deeds of Stokes, tendered his resignation as secretary and B. P. Bailey, of Walnut Cove, was appointed to the position.

C. A. Wall was awarded contract to make fill at Shelton branch bridge. The board ordered that E. R. Nelson, C. D. Smith and L. G. Ross inspect the Sheppard mill road and make report on same at next meeting.

The following resolution was adopted by the board:

Be it resolved, that whereas it appears unnecessary to construct a certain road in Big Creek township, leading from a point near Sam Dearamins to a point in the Surry county line near Reuben Nester's, that this board does not consent for the Big Creek township highway commission to build the same, and hereby enters its protest against the construction of same. It is further ordered that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to J. C. Frans, chairman.

## Will Let Contract For Automobile Tags

Raleigh, Nov. 13.—Contract for more than four hundred thousand license tags for motor vehicles was awarded by the State Department automobile license yesterday to the Western Display Company, of Saint Paul, Minn. This company has furnished the license for North Carolina cars for the past several years. The color of the 1925 license has not yet been decided.

Licenses were ordered in the following quantities: automobiles, 360,000; trucks 30,000; dealers, 12,000; motorcycles, 2,000. It was pointed out that extra track licenses will probably have to be bought. The number of licenses for pleasure cars indicates an increase of twenty thousand over the figures of last year.

## Annual Losses By Automobile Wrecks

Greensboro, Nov. 14.—Six hundred million dollars is estimated as the annual economic loss by automobile wrecks and accidents on highways and streets of the United States in 1923, according to a statement issued by C. W. Roberts, vice-president of the Carolina Motor Club as having come from the statistical bureau of the Department of Commerce. Over 22,000 were killed and 678,000 severely injured in automobile accidents alone.

"These figures were compiled by a bureau which found that there are more than 40,000,000 folks who drive cars. The recommendations of this bureau include: 'Education, uniform traffic laws, more rigid licensing and control of drivers, better highway engineering, reduction of congestion through city planning, etc.' It is our belief that a state system of licensing drivers should come with a state constabulary and we are urging this at district meetings."

In 24 Southern communities struck by disasters this year, the Red Cross has cared for the injured and rehabilitated 5,200 people left homeless. In this work, the organization administered a relief fund of \$157,717.00.

## BOWIE STRONG FOR MORE ROAD BONDS

He May Be Speaker Of the House When the Coming Session Of the Legislature Convenes.

Winston-Salem, Nov. 15.—There is a possibility of a three-cornered race for the speakership of the house when the next legislature convenes in Raleigh in January. This was learned here Thursday from Tam C. Bowie, who has just been re-elected to the house by an unprecedented democratic majority in the county of Ashe.

Mr. Bowie says that since his election a number of his friends over the state have been urging him to enter the race for speaker. He had not made up his mind yesterday, but said he was considering the matter and that the situation might develop which would impel him to announce his candidacy.

The other candidates for the speakership have been in the race for some time. They are Representative R. M. Cox of Forsyth and Representative Pharr of Charlotte. Mr. Bowie has served several terms in the legislature with both these gentlemen and counts them among his personal friends. It is understood that both Messrs. Cox and Pharr have strong support for the speakership.

Mr. Bowie says he is committed to the proposed additional bond issue of thirty-five million dollars for the completion of the highway system and expects to fight for it with all his might, if fighting is necessary, in the next session of the general assembly. Mr. Bowie believes that the state should finish the roads while it is building them and says that at least thirty-five millions will be required to complete the job. He declares the people of the mountains are a unit in their support of the road building program and are solidly back of the movement to finish the job without delay, and that they are expecting the legislature to provide for another bond issue of thirty-five million dollars for highways.

## WILL SHOW STATE BY MOVIES SOON

Fox Film Corporation Begins Preliminary Survey of Scenic Resources—Pictures Agreed Upon.

Raleigh, Nov. 15.—Preliminary survey of the scenic and industrial resources of the state looking toward the filming of several moving pictures has been begun by the Fox Film Corporation. Harvey Smith, representing the educational division of the corporation, arrived in the state Thursday and will spend several days developing the lines upon which the pictures will be made.

Two pictures have already been tentatively determined upon, the first to deal with the oyster industry of the Sound country and the second with the scenic wonders of western North Carolina. Filming of these pictures will likely begin within the next few days, or as soon as the technical staff can be brought from New York.

Several other subjects are under consideration, but no definite decision will be reached until Mr. Smith has had opportunity to observe their adaptability for picturing at closer range. They will probably include three or four industries of the state, if it be found that they lend themselves readily to pictorial story telling.

The Fox corporation was attracted to the state's possibilities for educational moving pictures by the recent story in the World's Work, by French Strother. The educational pictures produced by this company have a circulation of upwards of twenty million and the inclusion of North Carolina among the pictures will bring the state very emphatically to the attention of a large number of people.

54,947 ex-service men have been assisted in settling government claims for disabilities resulting from their war service. Many of them needing hospital treatment have been helped in procuring the necessary data, and placing it in correct form before the proper officials. While their claims are pending, Red Cross workers see that their families do not suffer.

## WILL GASOLINE GIVE OUT ?

Scientist Predicts Famine In Five Years Ending Automobile and Airplane Activities.

London, Nov. 14.—The opinion that there will be a gasoline famine five years from now is expressed by Professor W. F. Burstall, dean of the faculty of science at Birmingham University.

Only the discovery in the near future of a cheap, effective substitute can save the automobile and aviation industries from a fuel famine, which will put a complete check upon building throughout the world, Professor Burstall avers.

"Existing oil fields are becoming exhausted, and although new wells are being drilled here and there, they only put a little farther off the day when the world will be faced with a famine. The production of automobiles in the United States and elsewhere is increasing far more rapidly than the production of gasoline," he said, in an interview in Birmingham.

Professor Burstall does not hopelessly regard the efforts being made to find substitutes for gasoline, although a trio of scientists at Birmingham University alone have been engaged for a long time in research work in this direction.

"There are two main lines of experiment," the professor continued. "The first, and the one on which we are engaged at Birmingham, is the transformation of coal into oil by the process known as hydrogenation. The coal is heated and broken down and forms thick crude oil; from which finer and lighter oils are extracted. The process, however, is only partially successful.

"This is very expensive, and, even if it were not expensive, we are faced by the eventual exhaustion of our coal supplies, which, it is commonly agreed, will occur in about 200 years at the present rate of consumption.

"The second line of experiment is the production of alcohol from vegetable matter by processes of fermentation. This is being particularly explored in Australia, South Africa, India and the East generally. In India leaves of many kinds are being subjected to fermentation and thus made to produce alcohol. Australia, in particular, is paying unremitting attention to this, due to the complete absence of oil in the country.

"Here, again, cost is against the use of alcohol, for it costs twice as much to produce as gasoline. A much more serious objection to alcohol, however, is that, to make it commercially successful as a fuel, it would have to be produced from vegetable matter containing a high proportion of starch and cellulose—in other words, that vegetable matter which is needed for human food. There is not an adequate supply of this over and above that needed for human consumption."

There remains the oil-bearing shale, large deposits of which appear in many countries, but Professor Burstall says that it would be only a minute contribution to the needs of the world, and he cannot see any immediate solution of the problem.

## Snow Was Quite General In State

Raleigh, Nov. 18.—Cold, cloudy weather with a light snow reported generally throughout the eastern section of the state marked the coldest day thus far this year throughout North Carolina. Freezing temperatures were reported from a number of places.

Snow that made the roofs white began falling in Raleigh during the night and continued most of the morning, melting on the streets almost as fast as it fell.

Greenville, Greensboro, Henderson, Wilson and a number of other places reported snow.

Salisbury reported a temperature of 30 degrees and Winston-Salem 28. Today's snowfall in Raleigh was the earliest by two days during the 39 years' records which have been kept by the local weather bureau and the first to fall in November since 1914. The fall measured two-tenths of an inch.

The lowest temperature recorded at the local weather bureau was 28 degrees at 6:30 a. m., a drop of 20 degrees since yesterday.

## STATE WILL GET TEN MILLIONS

From Automobiles and Gas Tax For Year Ending June 30—This Is Big Increase.

Raleigh, Nov. 15.—Collections from the automobile fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, will run to \$10,096,872.29, it was estimated yesterday by Secretary of State W. N. Everett, in a letter addressed to the governor.

Collections during the four months of the present fiscal year have reached \$6,015,963.70, the letter said. Taxes on automobiles have about reached its limit for this year due to the fact that most licenses have been issued, it was said, but the gasoline tax is said to average about \$500,000 per month during the remaining year.

According to the letter taxes from the automobile department up to November 1, were divided as follows:

Gasoline tax \$1,627,357; title certification \$75,357; automobile licenses \$4,309,926; interest on deposits \$4,042.

## 1,290 MILES HARD SURFACE ROADS

That Number Constructed Since the State Commission Took Charge—Assets To Lessen Cost.

Raleigh, Nov. 15.—One thousand, two hundred and ninety miles of hard surfaced highways have been constructed in North Carolina since the present highway commission took charge of the administration, according to information made public yesterday by officials of the commission. In addition to the hard surfaced highways 1,452 miles of new top-soil sand-clay, gravel and graded roads have been constructed in the same period.

Under construction at present are 183 miles of hard surface roads and 333 miles of the other types of roads. Another letting of contracts on November 26 will just about wind up the construction work under the sixty-five million dollar bond issues authorized by the legislatures of 1921 and 1923. This letting will take care of the construction of approximately 113 miles of roads, of which 15 miles will be hard surfaced.

Taking into account the roads already constructed, the roads under construction and the roads for which contracts will be let North Carolina will receive for the sixty-five million dollars spent 1,488 miles of hard surfaced roads and 1,843 miles of other types of roads, or a total of 3,331 miles of all types of roads.

Dividing the number of miles of roads of all kinds constructed into the amount of the bond issue it is seen that the cost of an average North Carolina mile of road constructed under the present highway commission is \$19,213.

This figure is not as high as might seem at first glance as the highway commission has acquired considerable road building machinery, office buildings, garages, office furnishings and other things incidental to launching and carrying out a gigantic enterprise, as well as having devoted large sums to highway maintenance.

These assets will probably lessen the cost of highway construction in North Carolina in the future if the next legislature votes to continue the road building program, or if the legislature does not vote they remain assets to be applied against the liquidation of the bond issue.

## Negro Gets Away With Old Confidence Game

Reidsville, Nov. 16.—In the Reidsville recorder's court, Sam Johnson, negro, was sentenced to two years on the county roads for victimizing Robert Lowell, also colored, in an old confidence game, by changing a one-dollar bill into a thousand dollar greenback. Lowell handed over \$72 and agreed to go to a local bank and have the bill changed and make an equal division. Johnson caught a Southern freight. He was followed in automobile by officers, and at Benaja they found the negro in a swamp almost submerged by water.

## OYSTER SUPPER BY EASTERN STAR

Fiddler's Convention—Music Recital—Walnut Cove Motor Co. To Occupy New Building Soon.

Walnut Cove, Nov. 19.—An oyster supper was given here tonight under the auspices of the Eastern Star. The affair was held in the new cafe recently opened by John Lewellyn. The attendance was large and a nice sum was realized from the affair.

A fiddler's convention will be held in the school building here tomorrow night.

Jim Jones has accepted a position as clerk in the postoffice, succeeding John Woodruff.

Mesdames P. W. Davis, R. L. Vaughn, G. H. Fulton and Miss Booker spent today in Winston-Salem shopping.

The handsome new building of the Walnut Cove Motor Co. is nearing completion and will be occupied probably by Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Blackburn gave a dance at their home in South Walnut Cove Friday, a Winston-Salem orchestra furnishing the music.

Mrs. Laura McGhee, of Winston-Salem, spent Saturday with Misses Mildred Moorefield and Essie Moorefield.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Matthews, of Winston-Salem, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Vaughn.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Scott, and Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree, of Durham, spent Sunday here with Mrs. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Vaughan.

The music class of Mrs. Frank Fowler at the high school will give a recital in the auditorium of the school building tonight.

Ralph Chilton, of the Walnut Motor Co., made a business trip to Goldsboro today.

## 20 COUNTIES FAIL TO MAKE RETURNS

Stokes Is Among the Number That Have Not Sent In Returns To State Board of Elections.

W. L. Beasley, clerk of the State Board of Elections announced Monday, 20 counties which have not yet sent in election returns from the general election of November. All counties failing to make returns before November 20th will have to pay the expenses of a special messenger. The State Board of Elections will meet on November 25th, to canvass the returns.

The 20 counties that are still short are: Alamance, Caldwell, Carteret, Chatham, Chowan, Duplin, Durham, Greenville, Green, Johnston, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Nash, New Hanover, Pasquotank, Pitt, Rowan, Stanley, Stokes, Swain and Wayne.

## Republicans Gain 11 Members Legislature

Raleigh, Nov. 15.—The republicans gained eleven members of the legislature, all house members, in the general election, according to returns received on the state vote. In election two years ago republicans membership fell off to nine representatives and three senators. In the next general assembly there will be 20 republican house members and three senators. Thirty-one members of the house and fifteen senators serving in the last legislature will be members of the next session.

## Robert W. Samuel Dies At High Point

High Point, Nov. 18.—Robert W. Samuel, 58, highly esteemed High Point man, died at a local hospital early this afternoon. His death followed an illness of several weeks with cancer of the stomach.

A native of Walnut Cove, Mr. Samuel came to this city more than fifteen years ago. He is survived by the widow, four daughters, Mrs. E. A. Patterson and Mrs. E. G. Leonard, of High Point, Mrs. Fred Kaney, of Bedford, Ohio, and Mrs. E. G. Murphy, of Thomasville, and by three sons, Robert Boyd Samuel, of Winston-Salem, and Willie and Claude Samuel, of High Point.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed tonight.

## TO EMPLOY FIFTY MEN

King Furniture Factory Will Open Soon—New Home For E. P. Edwards—Other King News.

King, Nov. 17.—The Dry Springs Wild Cats and Perch Tigers met in combat on the Perch diamond Thursday afternoon, November 13th, 1924. Much spectacular playing was done by both sides. The Tiger rooters did their part, with songs and cheers, toward winning the game which resulted in a score of nine to nothing.

The Wild Cats got huffy at the Tigers and would not play out the game. This is the second contest the Tigers have won from the Cats this fall. Mr. W. D. Rierson is exceedingly fond of his Perch Tigers. Batteries for Tigers, Brown and Barber. For Cats, Mickey and Hauser. Perch, W. E. Fowler 2 b, C. Barber c, R. P. Barber st., H. H. Stone 3b, F. S. Fulk lf., A. E. Brown p., H. T. Stone, lb., H. Barber rf., W. R. Fowler cf.

Dry Springs.—A. Kirby 2b, I. Mickey c, E. Mickey lb., C. Mickey st., Clyde Mickey 3b., O. Hauser p., W. Stone cf., D. Rierson rf., and L. Kirby lf.

Mr. Luther Lawson, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with his parents, who reside near here.

"Thunderbolt Tom" the evangelist, has returned to his home here after holding a very successful meeting at Western Port, Md.

A force of carpenters are at work erecting a nice new home for Mr. E. P. Edwards on Academy Street. Mr. C. S. Fowler, who has this contract, states that the work will be pushed through to completion at an early date.

The work of overhauling the machinery and repairing the building of The King Manufacturing Co. is almost completed and they expect to start up the factory next week. Mr. E. N. Jones, who has secured an interest in the factory and who is a man of twenty years experience in the manufacturing of furniture, will be general manager. They expect to work about fifty men when they get things going in full swing. They will make a line of parlor furniture.

Mr. R. H. Kirby, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with relatives in Walnut Hills.

Garvey, the twelve-year-old son of the evangelist Thos. F. Perdue, happened to the misfortune of getting his arm broken while at play at the high school here last Friday. The children were playing crack the whip when Garvey was swung loose from the line resulting in a broken arm.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Brown and Misses Lillie and Fannie Goff and little Louise Brown spent the week end with relatives in Greensboro.

Work on Mr. John H. Hauser's new home on West Main Street is well under way.

The new dwelling of Mr. B. E. Wilson on Spruce Street has been completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Love, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with Mr. Love's parents on Pulliam St.

The Christian denomination will soon commence work on a new church building on West Main St.

Some nice porkers are being killed in and around King.

Mr. Charlie Hooper, of Winston-Salem, is among the business visitors here today.

Quite a number of nice business and residential lots will be sold at auction here on Saturday, November 29th. This is a part of the C. F. White property. It is predicted these lots will sell well, as they all front on the national highway.

## Walnut Cove's Water Supply

Walnut Cove, Nov. 18.—One of the wells being drilled to supply water for Walnut Cove has reached a depth of something over 250 feet. One vein was struck which supplies 30 gallons of water per minute, it is stated. The work of erecting a standpipe, to which the water will be pumped, was started the past week.

1,488 people have been taught scientific methods of rescuing drowning people and resuscitating them. 647 others have been taught through First Aid courses, "What to do before the Doctor comes."