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INTER-COUNTY ROAD SOUGHT

Sentiment Strong For Highway To Connect Up Five County Seats—Stokes To Burke County.

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Mt. Airy, April 15.—From Danbury, through Mt. Airy, via Dobson, Elkin, North Wilkesboro, Lenoir and on to Morganton there has arisen such an overwhelming volume of sentiment for a state supervised highway of a dependable character to connect these commercial towns that the echoes are soon destined to reach Commissioner Hanes and other members of the state highway commission who, from present indications, are going to be urged to construct the few missing spans in this link of a foothill and mountain scenic route that will connect five county seat towns.

Looking at the map it is found that there are only two short stretches of highway to be built to make of this proposed route an artery of travel that might well be calculated to rival in usefulness from a local, state and inter-state viewpoint, anything that has so far been projected in these great northwestern mountain counties.

Hook Up Highways

A glance discloses the fact that such a highway will more adequately link up the interstate roads leading by Stuart, Va., Hillsville, Va., Abingdon, Va., Boone, N. C., and Johnston City and Bristol, Tenn., giving greater economy and facility of travel to a wonderful scope of country at the same time it opens to the great tourist traffic of the middle and far northwest states an incomparable route through the mountainous portions of North Carolina.

The longest stretch to be built is a matter of only 16 miles on the north side of the Yadkin river between Elkin and North Wilkesboro. The whole distance between the two important river towns is about 20 miles, but both municipalities seeing the importance of a direct connecting highway, have added as far as their limits extend a hardsurface road.

Roads Intersect

Between Danbury and Mt. Airy the Stuart and Hillsville roads intersect. These two interstate highways go through two of the feasible and practicable gaps in the Blue Ridge which nature has provided to connect up these prosperous sections of the two states.

From Mt. Airy there is a splendid highway through Low Gap to Sparta. At the latter place, with the completion of the "top of the mountain scenic route" tourists may travel for scores of miles amid the grandest scenery of eastern America.

From Mt. Airy to Dobson runs highway No. 80. It is already in fine shape. At Dobson the proposed route switches to No. 26 extending on to Elkin. And at Elkin the unfinished stretch is encountered. But that portion between Elkin and Ronda is already projected by the state highway authorities, so a matter of only a few miles is left to be built to reach North Wilkesboro, following the line right up the Yadkin by Roaring river, a prosperous manufacturing community which at present is entirely without highway improvement of any kind.

The highway, as proposed, is to extend right on through Wilkesboro by Moravian Falls and on over route No. 18 to Lenoir. People of Caldwell county and of Lenoir, seeing the great possibilities of such a highway, are enthusiastically in favor of the project.

From Lenoir the proposed route goes on over highway No. 18 to Morganton. There it intersects highway No. 10 which comes down from Knoxville, Tenn., through Asheville and goes on by Hickory, Statesville, Salisbury, Lexington and Greensboro to the far eastern sections of the state, finally emerging upon the Atlantic seaboard at the seaport of Beaufort.

In Surry, Stokes, Wilkes and Caldwell counties, as well as in Burke, a great movement is being started to take the matter of a highway, that is designed to connect five county seat towns, before the state highway commission for its consideration. The importance of the proposed route is so obvious it is urged, and will be of so much benefit not only to North Carolina citizens alone, but to the thousands

FORSYTH GETS TWO MORE STATE ROADS

Winston To Stokes Line At Rural Hall and Winston To Guilford Line Near Kernersville.

According to a statement issued by State Highway Commissioner A. S. Hanes contract will be let early in May for the building of a hard-surface road from Winston-Salem to the Stokes line near Rural Hall, on the Mt. Airy road, and also for hard-surface from Winston-Salem to the Guilford line near Kernersville, on the Greensboro road. It was stated that construction work on both roads would start as soon as contract could be let.

When the two roads mentioned above are completed there will be six State-built hard-surface roads leading from Winston-Salem to adjoining county lines, as follows: To High Point, to Mocksville, to Yadkinville, to Fulp, to Rural Hall and to Greensboro. While Forsyth loaned the State the money on one or two of these roads the county will be re-im-bursed.

Tax Listing Begins Early In May

The listing of property for taxes will begin in Stokes early in May. W. M. Nelson, list-taker for Danbury township, announces that he has made the following appointments: Danbury, May 6; Hartman, May 7; County Home, May 8; Pridley's Garage, May 9.

of tourists who yearly visit the mountains of the state, that its proponents feel they will be given a hearing in keeping with the merits of the proposal.

For instance, all of these northwestern counties are in the federal district court which convenes at Wilkesboro. The traffic to that point, it follows, is at times enormous. Then the question of commercial uses of the proposed highway enters into the question. Upon this point lies the greatest virtue and strength of the new road when it comes on to be argued before the state highway commission, and this body of men, as they instantly picture in their minds' eye the great possibilities, will readily see, no doubt, that it is not only of prime interest but of prime importance to a contiguous section of the mountains having an approximate population of 250,000 people.

Circulate Petition

Plans are afoot now to circulate a petition in the counties mentioned for the construction of this highway and from the apparent sentiment, expressed by leaders and others, it will likely get practically unanimous support. The petition reads as follows:

State of North Carolina, Wilkes County.

To the State Highway Commission, Raleigh, N. C.

Whereas, the purpose and intent of the law and of your honorable board is to connect the county seats of the various counties of our state by a good, serviceable and dependable road from the bond issue first issued and the anticipation of subsequent issues of bonds; and expend the moneys arising therefrom to the best interests of the state and to make such connections with trunk lines as is practicable and that will serve the best interest;

Now, therefore, we, the undersigned citizens of the counties of Caldwell, Wilkes, Surry and Stokes, do respectfully petition and ask that your honorable board take over and construct a good, serviceable and dependable road from Danbury, county seat of Stokes, via Mt. Airy, to Dobson, county seat of Surry, via Elkin on the north side of the Yadkin river, to Wilkesboro, via county seat of Wilkes county, via route 18, to Lenoir, county seat of Caldwell, via route 18 to Morganton, intersecting highway No. 10.

There is at this time a large portion of this route a good serviceable and dependable road and by the expenditure of a small sum of money the whole of said route can be constructed so as to serve a large portion of the state, both middle and western sections, and at the same time connect the county seats of these various counties.

This the 11th day of April, 1925.

MT. AIRY BIDS FOR STOKES TRADE

Merchants and Others Find That City Most Accessible Trading Point Since Completion Of Highway Into Stokes.

Since the completion of the State highway between Mt. Airy and Danbury the merchants of this section, and especially those of the community north and north-west of Danbury, find that the new road makes Mt. Airy their most accessible trading point. These merchants and citizens formerly bought goods and sold their produce in Winston-Salem. Now, however, the road to Mt. Airy is far better than to Winston-Salem, the 10-mile section between Danbury and Walnut Cove being narrow, crooked, rough and even dangerous at some points.

The distance from Danbury to Mt. Airy is about thirty miles, while to Winston-Salem is only twenty-eight, but with present road conditions Mt. Airy is most accessible, especially to citizens residing north and north-west of Danbury. Hence practically all the merchants in that section are now making Mt. Airy their trading point instead of the Twin-City.

SANDY SLATE KILLED BY OFFICER

Shot Four Times By Will Mathis Following Liquor Raid On His Premises.

Mt. Airy News, April 17.

In the Kibler section of Patrick county Sandy Slate was shot to death Tuesday morning by Federal Prohibition Agent Will Mathis, of Westfield. Officer Mathis in company with his assistant, Federal Officer Davis, was making a search for stills in that section and had just destroyed one near the home of Slate when they were ordered to leave the premises by Slate. The officers state that Slate followed up his threat with an attack upon them. They say he attempted to fire his pistol at them but the cartridge was faulty and did not go off. Then it was that officer Mathis fired, striking Slate in the arm. Slate was then ordered to drop his pistol and when he refused to do so Mathis shot him three more times, the fourth bullet striking him in the chest causing almost instant death.

The pistol of Slate was taken in charge by Mathis and was presented to the court of inquest which was held at Stuart Wednesday afternoon. The officers state that the cartridge in the pistol shows that the cap had been hit by the plunger, and that it did not fire. The shooting took place in Slate's yard while both parties were standing within about eight feet of each other.

Sandy Slate was an old resident of Patrick county, and had a wide acquaintance. He never denied the charge that he made liquor when it suited his notion, yet he was a man that made friends with those who came in contact with him. He was a brother to Alex Slate, who lives in Monkey Bottom, noted suburb of this city.

An Explanation Earnestly Requested

A reader wants some one to explain why it is that Forsyth county, adjoining Stokes and in the same road district, has now or will soon have SIX State-built hard-surface highways from her county seat to the county line, adjoining counties and Stokes can't even have ONE road to her county seat. The reader is respectfully referred to our district highway commissioner who resides in Forsyth county—not Stokes. The roads referred to by the reader are as follows: Winston to High Point, Winston to Mocksville, Winston to Yadkinville, Winston to Fulp, Winston to Greensboro, Winston to Rural Hall, the two latter not yet built but to be let to contract next month.

A Political Reprisal

"How did you first break into politics?" "It's a sad story," answered Senator Sorghum. "The people out here got kind o' riled at the Government in Washington and decided to send me to Congress out of spite." —Washington Star.

MUCH WHISKEY IS CAPTURED

Ed Lovins and Ford Car With 95 Gallons On It Captured Ten Miles East Of Danbury.

Ed Lovins and a Ford touring car with 95 gallons of liquor on it were captured Monday night in the Sandy Ridge section by Prohibition Agent P. L. Finchum and Berkley Smith, of Danbury. Lovins is said to be a resident of the Madison section. Another man in the liquor car made his escape. Lovins was brought here and placed in the county jail. He will be given a hearing right soon and bond fixed. The liquor, which was in 19 5-gallon tin cans, was poured out at the jail here yesterday.

BILLY SUNDAY OPENS CAMPAIGN

Noted Evangelist Preaches To Three Large Crowds—Hundreds Turned Away.

Winston-Salem, April 19.—Hundreds were turned away from the Billy Sunday tabernacle tonight, being unable to secure even standing room for the third of the initial sermons inaugurating a six weeks' campaign which the noted evangelist will conduct in this city.

In his sermon Mr. Sunday paid his respects to men and their varied and sundry gods. He showed the triflingness of much in this life that man puts greatest stress upon, and, in referring to hero worship, he declared that "Men great in the public" are "nuts" in the sight of God. He urged keeping of the Sabbath, and in the home and in business living in the spirit of things holy.

The sermon was in every way characteristic of the famous evangelist. It was featured with striking illustrations, presented only as Billy Sunday can present them. The Ten Commandments formed the basis of a stirring appeal, in which the speaker paid his compliments to the worshipper of the dollar.

"Ever since I first came south to conduct religious campaigns I have been wanting to come and see Winston-Salem, about which I have heard so many nice things," shouted Mr. Sunday after the preliminary ceremonies in connection with the opening service. "When I was in Charlotte they told me to just wait till I got to Winston-Salem to see things well done—but I want to tell you folks that you'll have to go some to beat those Charlotte people."

The campaign against "sin and the devil," as Mr. Sunday expressed it, opened auspiciously from every viewpoint. The weather was ideal and the congregations that attended the three services were inspiring. The Piedmont warehouse, where the meetings are being held, seats over 6,000 and standing room was at a premium at all the services today.

The most touching scene, in connection with the opening program, was presented when the venerable and beloved Bishop Edward Rondthaler, of the Southern Moravian church, now 84 years old, stepped to the front, and after happy introductions of Bill and "Ma" Sunday turned to the evangelist, grasped his hand and invoked divine guidance and blessings upon the man who came here to expound Bible truths.

Expenses of Meeting.

Announcement was made that something over \$10,000 would be needed to meet the actual expenses of the meeting, this being about half the cost of the average campaign conducted by Mr. Sunday. It was also explained that the owners had donated the use of the warehouse free.

Germanton Route 1.

Germanton Route 1, April 20.—Mrs. Walter Tuttle, who has been seriously ill in a Winston-Salem hospital, is rapidly improving, her many friends will be interested to learn.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Johnson, of Walnut Cove, were visitors at Mr. M. F. Tuttle's Sunday.

Miss Ukie Kiser spent the weekend in Winston-Salem visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Redding spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hartgrove.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Kiser spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kiser.

STOKES BONDS SOLD WELL

\$120,000 Issue Brought Premium Of \$1,644.00—Interest Rate Only Four and Three Fourths Per Cent.

The bidding on \$120,000 Stokes county highway bonds Saturday was unusually lively. A. T. Bell & Co., of Cincinnati, were the successful bidders, paying a premium on the \$120,000 in the amount of \$1,644.00. The interest rate on the bonds is only four and three-fourths per cent. annually, the lowest in the history of the county.

AUTO DEALERS PROTESTING FEE

Dealers Now Pay State Fifty Cents On Each New Sale—Aggregates \$40,000 a Year.

North Carolina automobile dealers are kicking strenuously on the state's new 50-cent registration tax on each car sold and are preparing to take up arms against what they consider to an imposition on the trade.

The sales for 1925, it is estimated, will go considerably beyond the sales of 1924 and on this basis the dealers figure that collectively they will be out approximately \$40,000 during the present year, with this amount increasing as the state develops.

News Items From King

King, April 20. The Shore Mercantile Co. has purchased from Mr. Thos. E. Smith the lot and building adjoining them on Depot St. The building will be remodeled. This will give them 1300 feet additional floor space and this added to the 8160 feet which they already have gives them a total of 9460 square feet floor space. This addition is made necessary by the fast increasing business of this thriving concern.

Mr. C. C. Meadows, of Roanoke, Va., is spending several days with relatives here.

A force of men are at work excavating for the foundation of the new Moravian church on West Main St. This will be a brick structure and will be modern in every way.

Mr. Lester O. Pulliam, of Atlanta, Ga., is spending a few days with his parents here.

Mr. Gordon Pratt, who resides in West View, was kicked by a Ford last week resulting in a broken arm.

Work on the new Christian church on West Main St. is well under way and will be pushed through to completion at an early date. This building is being constructed of brick.

The King high school team defeated the Old Richmond school in a game of base ball on the King diamond Friday. The score stood twenty-two to one.

Rev. Paul Hermet Newsom filled his regular appointment at Mount Airy yesterday.

The house was packed at the mock trial which was pulled off here Saturday night. Everybody present seemed to enjoy themselves to the limit.

Messrs. Paul Meadows and Kennis Pulliam, who are in school at Chapel Hill, are spending a few days with relatives here.

Mr. J. S. Boyles, of Walnut Cove, was among the visitors here yesterday.

The Sunday School rally which was held at the Baptist church here yesterday was largely attended. The occasion was much enjoyed by all who were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. David Fowler, of High Point, spent the day Sunday with relatives in West View.

Work has been commenced on a new brick home for Mr. John Smith in Pilot View, the new development just east of town.

Miss Annie Shore, of Thomasville, is spending several days with the family of Judge James R. Caudle in Walnut Hills.

Mr. Clyde Moore, of Mount Airy, spent Sunday with his parents on Pulliam St.

Dr. R. C. Fowler, of Winston-Salem, was among the business visitors here Saturday.

Mr. T. S. Petree, of Winston-Salem, was among the visitors here Sunday.

Miss Geneva Shore, of Thomasville, is spending several days with relatives in Walnut Hills.

MASS MEETING HERE MAY 6

To Consider County-Wide Plan Of Organization For Schools Of County—Board of Education Met Here Monday.

The Stokes Board of Education was in session at the court house Monday of this week. Prof. J. M. Proctor, of the State school board, met with the county board, and the question of adopting a county-wide school organization was discussed with him by the members of the board.

Supt. of School J. C. Carson, in company with Mr. Proctor, has recently visited all of the schools of the county and secured data in regard to the schools. A tentative plan for the county-wide school system has been laid out and this plan will be discussed at the meeting to be held here May 6th. Everyone interested in the schools is urged to attend the meeting.

The call for the mass meeting, issued by the Board of Education, is as follows:

Notice is hereby given to all school committeemen and boards of trustees and citizens of Stokes county that a mass meeting is hereby called to assemble in the court house in Danbury, N. C., at 10:30 o'clock A. M. on Wednesday, May 6th, 1925, to consider the county-wide plan for the organization of all the schools of Stokes county, and to give advice and make suggestions to the board of education of Stokes county concerning the same, and such other matters as may properly come up before said meeting for their deliberation.

This April 20th, 1925.
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF STOKES COUNTY.
By J. L. Christian, Chairman.
J. C. Carson, Secretary.

ROAD TO STOKES TO BE SURFACED

Contract To Be Let For 10 Miles Of Concrete At Letting To Be Made May 5.

Raleigh, April 20.—Route 66 from Winston-Salem to the Stokes county line is among the group of hard-surfaced construction projects to be let to contract by the state highway commission May 5.

The mileage of the stretch is 10:33 and will be paved with asphalt or concrete.

Twenty projects to be let May 5 will cost approximately three and a half million dollars and will constitute the second award under the \$20,000,000 highway authorization of the 1925 legislature. Besides the Forsyth stretch of route 66 the projects will include construction jobs in the counties of Jackson, Anson, Mecklenburg, Guilford, Moore, Randolph, Wake, Lee, Robeson, Brunswick, Wayne, Johnston, Perquimans, Edgecombe, Bertie and Beaufort.

Eighty-two miles of hard-surfacing, 20 of sand-clay and 62 miles of grading are involved in the scheduled letting.

KING COMPLAINS OF HIGHWAY DUST

Residents of Stokes County Town Seek Relief From the Dirty Air.

King, April 18.—At a meeting of citizens and school board today a resolution was passed to ask the maintenance department of the state highway commission to give relief to the town and school at King from the dust nuisance.

It seems the good roads of the section below coming from several directions "funnel in" to the road leading north to Mt. Airy. The heavy traffic of busses and private vehicles have worn the top surface into a dust coat which spreads over the homes and yards of the town. The school children must travel through it to and from school. The good roads below are proving a curse rather than a blessing in this way. The resolution asks State Highway Maintenance Engineer Hawking to investigate and when the oil tank wagons get in this section to at once send them up and relieve the situation before the annual commencement at King high school. Fred Shore was chairman of the meeting and the letter will be written at once.