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STEAM SHOVEL STARTS WORK

Grading On Danbury-Walnut Cove Road Begins—Work On Bridges Hindered By Bad Weather.

One of the steam shovels to be used by Contractor W. C. Carter in grading the Danbury-Walnut Cove road began work yesterday at a point near Meadows. The teams to be used in the work are expected tomorrow and the work will be pushed along as fast as weather conditions will permit.

Contractor Kesler, who is building the bridges and culverts on the road mentioned above, has been hindered from pouring concrete recently by the cold weather, but is getting along with the work as fast as possible under the circumstances.

Up to this time nothing definite is known here as to whether the Danbury-Walnut Cove road will be hard-surfaced or not, but it is learned that Commissioner Hanes stated some time since that if funds were available the road would be paved soon after the grading is finished. The large amount of traffic on the road, as shown by the counts made by the State each month, is strong argument in favor of hard-surfacing. The road stands third from the top in this district in amount of traffic, as shown by the last three counts made by the State.

HEAVY RAIN FELL IN STATE SUNDAY

Gastonia Reports 2.78 Inches, Salisbury 2.18 and Asheville 1.72 Inches.

Salisbury, Jan. 18.—Rainfall here last night and yesterday totaled 2.18 inches, according to the official weather observer here today. The rain is one of the best that has fallen here in many months. The heaviest rain occurred between midnight and daybreak this morning.

Gastonia, Jan. 18.—The rainfall for the 24-hour period ending Monday morning at 7 o'clock was 2.78 inches, the heaviest here in months.

Asheville, Jan. 18.—Western North Carolina's heaviest rain since December, 1924, was recorded in the 24-hour period between Sunday and Monday morning, according to the Asheville weather bureau. Approximately 1.72 inches of rain fell. The French Broad river rose three feet during the night and other streams in this section had filled their channels today. There is little danger of a flood, it was said here, because of the gradual nature of the rain.

Suggests Change In Road Working

Walnut Cove, N. C., Jan. 12, 1926.

Editor Danbury Reporter, Danbury, N. C.

My dear sir: The people in this section of the county want to know why our sand-clay roads are so muddy, while those in Forsyth county are in splendid condition.

Why do the road men use their heavy scraping machines in fall of the year, and clean out gullies and side ditches and pile the red dirt over the sand-clay from 2 to 6 inches deep, and make muddy roads over the county.

A sand-clay road should get as muddy from summer rains as winter, but it's not the case with all the side ditches emptied out over the roads.

If it is necessary to cover hard roads for winter why not hire teams, haul red mud and cover up the hard surface roads, and the streets of Walnut Cove.

There are miles of road crowned up and deep side ditches that is difficult for cars to pass each other this bad weather without going in side ditches and some turn over.

With kind regards,

Yours truly,

T. E. DAVIS.

The busy farmer will find much of interest in the agricultural short courses which begin at State College on January 19.

DISRUPTION OF CO-OPS SOUGHT

Must Show Cause Why Association Should Not Be Dissolved—Raleigh Hearing On February 5th.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Jan. 19.—The Tri-state Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association, Inc., composed of growers in Virginia, North and South Carolina must appear before Judge T. H. Calvert in Wake county superior court at Raleigh, February 5, to show cause why the corporation should not be dissolved and a receiver appointed to handle its affairs, according to an order issued this afternoon here by Judge M. V. Barnhill in Edgecombe county superior court.

The order was issued following complaint of inefficiency and graft in the conduct of the company's affairs, which was made by W. M. Person, Franklin county, and other members of the association as plaintiffs.

Some Series of Figures.

Following a long series of figures alleging wanton extravagance in the company's expenditures, the complaint adds that during the second fiscal year of its life, ending May 1st, 1924, the organizations running expenses totaled nearly \$7,000,000 or more than it takes to run the state of North Carolina. This exceeded by \$10,000 the first year's total of \$2,514,259.22, or an average expense of about \$7,000 per day.

Costs of furniture, fixtures and automobiles were \$78,802.54 during the first year, according to the complaint, while in the year following this item amounted to over \$95,000, High Salaries.

An unprecedented increase in salaries paid to officers is charged, the majority of the directors placing themselves on the salary list, according to the complaint, at annual pay of from \$10,000 down to \$4,000, three and four times what most of them had ever received before.

"On account of the inefficiency of the management and the reckless waste and extravagance and failure of the directors to comply with the law," reads the complaint, "the membership growers have received so little from their crops delivered to the defendant association, that they have become bankrupt and are unable to continue their farming operations unless relieved from further delivery and destruction of their crops by a dissolution of said corporation for the abuse of its powers to the injury of its membership stockholders.

Charge Waste.

Further items in the complaint recite charges of waste and mismanagement in the purchase, erection and leasing warehouse facilities, disbursements for attorneys' fees and newspaper advertising. The plaintiffs finally charge that officers of the association have not made accounting of their management to the members, as required by law, and that in some cases the directors, in addition to exorbitant salaries, charged exorbitant fees for redrying tobacco delivered by members and mortgaged such tobacco to insure payment of their own claims.

AUTO ACCIDENTS IN STATE ON INCREASE

Twice As Many Deaths in Last Half of Year As in First Six Months—1,072 Wrecks in 6 Months.

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—The number of automobile accidents on the state highway system during the past six months was more than double those of the preceding six months, it is shown by figures compiled by the state highway commission.

The wrecks for the six months period January 1 to June 30, 1925, numbered 437, as compared with 1,072 during the period July 1 to December 31. The number of deaths as a result of automobile accidents on the commission increased from 54 during the first half of the year to 76 during the last half.

More deaths were caused by speeding than any other cause, according to the report, careless driving coming second and intoxicated drivers coming third.

BAD ROADS DELAY MARKETING WEED

Farmers Around Germantown Stripping Tobacco; Farmer Accidentally Killed His Dog.

Germantown, Jan. 19.—The bad condition of the roads has delayed the marketing of tobacco among the farmers. They, however, have been busy stripping the leaf, and a large quantity will probably be carried to market as soon as the weather improves.

The basketball team of Welsome, played the Germantown team Friday night in the high school auditorium. The score was 9 to 16 in favor of the Germantown team.

The home and farm land of the late A. H. Rutledge were sold at public auction January 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Robah Browder are the proud possessors of a fine son. The young man arrived January 16.

Georgia Willis is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Vernon, near Madison, whose children are quite ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. J. A. Westmoreland, who has been ill for several weeks, is able to be up again.

Miss Edna Lyon accompanied Miss Cook to her home in Ore Hill for the week-end.

Frank McGee, of Greensboro, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Gee.

Dr. G. E. Pattee and family, of King, were visitors here Sunday.

W. E. Westmoreland, while hunting the past week, accidentally shot his fine dog.

WHY WRIGHT QUIT PRACTICING LAW

Says America Needs Code Based on Golden Rule, Ten Commandments and Sermon on Mount.

Sunday's Raleigh News and Observer carried an interesting story, written by M. L. Wright, entitled, "Why I Quit Practicing Law." Here are a few extracts from same:

Electric Chair Sacred.

There are people in America who hold the electric chair as sacred as the Cross of Christ. The damp, dark dungeon, the convict camp, the lash, the gallows and the electric chair are the lengthened shadows of our system of laws. We used to kill people because they did not think like we thought they ought to. Now we kill them because they do not act like we think they ought to.

America needs a code based on the Golden Rule, the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount—truths which thousands of years of human experience have proved to be good. In this day of business integrity when men consider their word as binding as their seal, and place honor above profit, we live under a system of laws that does not recognize a moral obligation as a sufficient consideration to make a contract binding a court. The moral code and the common law seems to have been developed separately.

We live under a system of laws that says a defendant must not be compelled to give evidence against himself in court. Why not? A court is supposed to establish the truth, and the accused is often the only person who knows the truth. This same defendant, while exhausted and excited, may be put through the "third degree" and evidence, twisted from the accused under threats of punishment and abnormal conditions, may be brought into court and found pertinent, relevant and legal.

No Purgate But Punishment

We live under a system of laws that permits punishment with no purpose of reformation. Such doctrine and practice is permitted nowhere else in our social system. It is based upon the doctrine of "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth," which was renewed two thousand years ago by the Master when he said, "Resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain."

MISS JOSIE PEPPER PASSES AWAY

After Several Weeks Illness In Raleigh Hospital—Interment Here Last Friday.

(By A Friend.)

When the message was received here Thursday morning that Miss Josie Pepper had passed away at the Rex Hospital in Raleigh, where she had been under treatment for some time by the very best medical skill that could be had, a gleam was cast over the entire town and community where she was so well known and loved by all.

With a pretty day overhead, but bad under feet, surrounded by one of the largest crowds seen here at a funeral, all who were her friends from different parts of the State and surrounding country, Miss Josie was laid to rest in the Danbury cemetery Friday, January 15th, 1926.

Miss Josie was the third daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Pepper, and leaves three sisters and two brothers, Mrs. S. S. Oliver, of Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. S. P. Christian, of Westfield, N. C.; Mrs. J. W. Hall, N. E., and E. P. Pepper, of Danbury, N. C.

Miss Josie Pepper was born in Danbury and lived here all her life. No sweeter self-sacrificing, Christian woman ever lived. She joined the Methodist church when about ten years of age and lived a devoted Christian life until her death. She lived her religion every day, always scattered sunshine in her path, always never known to shirk her duty, always active in church and Sunday School work, and when called on to do anything always replied, "Maybe some one else can do better, but I will try."

Miss Josie was a charter member of the Danbury Missionary Society, and was president of the society at the time of her death. She was also one of the organizers of the Danbury Fine Arts Club, and never was there a more ardent admirer of literature and the finer arts than she. In business she was capable of great things, her calm sure manner always made one feel that whatever she undertook would always be accomplished in the right way.

She was devoted to and loved by all the children, and one of the greatest friends to the school children and one of the strongest supporters of better schools, and always could be depended upon to go out in the interest of the school children and the betterment of her community.

At the time Miss Josie was in the hospital numerous flowers were sent from time to time to her sick room from Danbury, any everybody in Danbury always were anxious to do or say something to cheer her during illness.

"It is wonderful indeed to know how a true Christian can die. Miss Josie never feared death. When she saw the inevitable facing her knowing that her death was only a matter of a few days and hours, she never faltered or complained. Her only thought was of her loved ones and friends she was leaving behind. Calling her dear ones to her bedside she planned her funeral, naming her pastor to officiate and songs she wanted sung, and in her sweet self-sacrificing way she wanted everything made as easy on her loved ones as possible. At times near the end she was the most cheerful one in the sick room, always speaking words of cheer and trying to comfort the ones in grief; that was her disposition in life always thinking of the comforts of others.

It is indeed a great comfort to her loved ones and hundreds of friends to know how calmly she faced death, and should be such a glorious example to her loved ones behind to try to follow in her footsteps.

While in the death of Miss Josie Danbury mourns her great loss, we bow to the Great Divine will, and know it is her gain, for she has gone where suffering and sorrow are unknown.

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Former Stokes Lady Dies At Kernersville

Kernersville, Jan. 20.—Mrs. Anna Eliza Vaden, widow of Thomas H. Vaden, passed away at 6:15 Tuesday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Coley, in Kernersville. She was 80 years of age and had been in declining health for some time. Surviving are a large number of children. Mr. Vaden, who died a number of years ago, was well known throughout the state, and was the original owner of property in Stokes county which included the Vade Mecum tract.

The funeral of Mrs. Vaden was conducted at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon from the Kernersville Baptist church by Rev. John R. Miller and Rev. Robert Crowder, interment following in Mount Gurr cemetery.

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FARMERS WILL QUIT TOBACCO

Going Into Poultry Business At Westfield—Hens Lay 230 Eggs Per Day On One Poultry Farm.

Westfield, Jan. 19.—This section is turning to the poultry business since the low prices for tobacco. At least six farmers of the community have turned their places into poultry raising, and some of them already have a good start.

William Tilley sold last week 225 dozen eggs from his hens and is getting 230 eggs per day now.

Bernie Smith received 1,000 white leghorn chickens Friday and will soon be able to supply the demand for this particular breed of fowl.

Others are making preparation to begin turning out poultry products, and this business will certainly beat growing tobacco at present prices.

LARGE TOBACCO SALES REPORTED

Over Three Hundred Million Pounds of Weed Were Marketed Up to First of Year.

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—More than three hundred million pounds of tobacco have been sold the past season in North Carolina at an average price of \$23.34 which is slightly less than the price last year, according to W. H. Rhodes, Jr., acting agricultural statistician for the Federal crop reporting service in North Carolina.

"Tobacco sales on the open market in North Carolina this season has averaged \$23.24 per hundred pounds to January 1st last year, and \$23.29 average for the entire 1924-25 season," says Mr. Rhodes in his report for December.

"Producers sales totaled 303,158,756 pounds," Mr. Rhodes says, "this amount is over 96 million pounds more than was sold to January 1st, 1925, and represents about 84 per cent of the crop produced in 1924. This leaves only 16 per cent of the crop for market during January and February and for the delivery to the association.

"December producers' sales were double those of December, 1924, and represents only medium grades, according to warehousemen."

Sales by producers at the different markets in the state during December and the average prices paid at those markets, as reported by Mr. Rhodes, follow:

Markets	Prod. Sales	Aver. 1925
Aberdeen	273,570	\$18.15
Burlington	247,458	11.03
Carthage	111,678	18.60
Durham	2,902,854	22.64
Elkin	203,406	15.98
Enfield	198,906	18.21
Farmville	1,309,778	26.69
Fuquay Springs	898,008	27.21
Goldboro	584,802	20.88
Greenville	584,802	25.98
Henderson	1,902,110	22.98
Kinston	3,243,940	21.85
Louisburg	624,184	17.96
Madison	493,894	14.00
Mebane	380,354	13.26
Mt. Airy	708,708	11.55
New Bern	196,874	23.51
Oxford	1,595,439	20.95
Reidsville	418,882	15.75
Robertsville	276,448	25.15
Rocky Mount	3,436,820	23.54
Roxboro	807,112	14.74
Sanford	228,607	19.63
Smithfield	319,947	22.80
Stoneville	212,588	14.12
Tarboro	402,262	22.65
Warrington	732,292	19.98
Warsaw	123,681	15.57
Washington	294,552	23.77
Wendell	345,764	23.51
Wilmington	519,770	25.48
Wilson	10,229,119	28.33
Windsor	52,698	21.76
Winston-Salem	6,803,844	16.99
Zebulon	173,498	19.85

State totals 48,852,879 \$23.14 Dec. 1924 24,327,163 23.60

The dairy calf must have feed and comfort to grow well this winter. The future cow is in the calf pen this winter.

Concrete on the farm means building for permanence and freedom from fires.