

**THE STATE'S ROAD FUNDS**

**Must Not Be Diverted To Uses Other Than Road Building—Some Interesting Figures.**

Raleigh, April 17.—North Carolina people must have roads and call for them as insistently today as they ever have done, Governor Rufe Doughton, chairman of the state highway commission, told the commission yesterday, and quite a bit of the system is still unfinished.

The governor fixed up a statement of the road revenues for 1930 and found a grand total of \$20,438,000. After charging off all the interest on bonds, bond redemption, gas tax, maintenance and every other incidental. Mr. Doughton found \$3,568,000 for construction, not counting the federal aid fund, which will be for North Carolina \$2,870,000. The conclusion of the whole matter is that there must not be any impairment of the road funds.

Mr. Doughton's report says: "The demands for road construction and maintenance by the state are now perhaps as great as at any period since the state undertook the stupendous task of constructing and maintaining a system of hard surfaced and dependable roads. Although up to January 1, 1930, there have been constructed 7,937.55 miles of such roads, and 8,309 miles of highways are being maintained by the state there is a considerable mileage on the original map, or plan, not constructed.

"The money secured by the several bond issues provided by the legislature has been expended in constructing and maintaining the system above referred to, and the funds for further construction and maintenance must be derived from current revenues.

"The revenue for the year ending June 30, 1930, derived and to be derived from licenses on motor vehicles and gasoline is estimated to be \$20,438,000.

"The estimated expenditures: Interest on bonds, \$5,000,000. Administration, \$250,000. Motor vehicle bureau expenses, \$470,000.

Bond redemption, \$2,100,000. Sinking fund—\$500,000. Equalization fund—\$500,000. County aid road fund, state aid and gas tax—\$3,000,000.

Grounds, maintenance equipment, general maintenance, employes insurance and road maintenance—\$4,900,000. Highway patrol—\$150,000. Total—\$16,870,000.

"The surplus used, or available, for construction, exclusive of federal money, therefore, will be approximately \$3,568,000.

"Congress has already increased the federal appropriation for highway construction in the states from \$75,000,000 to \$125,000,000, and the allocation to our state will, therefore, be approximately \$2,870,000, which the highway commission must match with an equal amount of state funds if the state receives the federal appropriations. So, it will be readily seen that our surplus funds derived by state revenue have reached the place where it is but little in excess of the amount required to meet the federal funds. These federal funds are appropriated for construction alone. Then too, there will be considerable reduction of highway revenue produced by the Mcklenburg gas decision recently rendered by the Supreme court.

"Since January, 1929, to date we have added approximately 1,318 miles of road to the state system. It was necessary for us to spend \$212,000 on certain parts of this mileage before we could actually place same under maintenance. I feel sure that this mileage cost the commission at least \$350 per mile per year which will total \$461,000; adding this to the above mentioned \$212,000 we will get a total expenditure of \$673,000 additional maintenance expenditure.

"All of this mileage has not been on the state system for a year so we have not actually spent the sum given above, but over a year's time the 1,318 miles of road will cost us \$673,000.

"The full faith, credit and taxing power of the state are pledged for the payment of

the principal and interest on all of our highway bonds, and this pledge must, and will be kept.

"It will, therefore, be plainly seen that if we are to continue to build other important highways that the people are strenuously demanding, and maintain them adequately, then there must not be any further diversion of highway revenues to other purposes."

**Announcement**

To the Voters of Stokes County:

Numbers of my friends having urged me to make the run for the House of Representatives from Stokes county, I have decided to announce my candidacy for that office, since I have not learned of any other candidate for the office on the Democratic ticket.

I shall appreciate the support of any and all citizens and if I should be elected I will do my utmost to represent the whole people and to work for the best interest of the county in all matters that come up for consideration.

Yours very truly,  
H. H. LEAKE.  
King, N. C., April 28, 1930.

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and courtesy shown us during the sickness and death of our husband and father, Samuel Wilson Greene. MRS. FANNIE GREENE AND FAMILY.

**Pure Bred Baby Chicks For Sale**

After May 15, Leghorn chicks will sell at \$11.00 per hundred, other breeds \$12.00. We will also have started chicks, brooders, and other supplies at reasonable prices. TREVATHAN HATCHERY, Walnut Cove, N. C.

**NOTICE OF CHANGE OF POLLING PLACE FOR WEST SANDY RIDGE PRECINCT; AND OF ALTERING EAST SANDY RIDGE AND WEST SANDY RIDGE PRECINCTS.**

Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Elections of Stokes county has made an order taking from East Sandy Ridge precinct the following territory, to-wit:

Beginning at the forks of the road near Bruce Hutcherson's filling station and garage; thence northward with the public road that leads towards Sandy Ridge postoffice 100 feet to a stake; thence west to the public road that leads from Lackey's old store to the beginning point; thence with the said road to the beginning. This land to include all of Bruce Hutcherson's filling station and garage; and all of said territory is annexed to, and is made a part of West Sandy Ridge precinct to all intents and purposes.

And notice is further given that on and after the 1st day of June, 1930, the polling place for West Sandy Ridge precinct shall be at the filling station and garage of Bruce Hutcherson which is located on the territory taken from East Sandy Ridge precinct and annexed to West Sandy Ridge precinct. This change become necessary in order to provide a suitable polling place for West Sandy Ridge precinct.

This 19th day of April, 1930. COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF STOKES COUNTY.

BY C. E. DAVIS, Chairman of the County Board of Elections of Stokes County, N. C. S. P. CHRISTIAN, Secretary of the Board of Elections of Stokes County.

PAUL FULTON, Member of County Board of Elections of Stokes County.

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**MRS. J. S. TAYLOR IN VENICE**

**In Company With Passengers of the S. S. "Calgaric," Danbury Lady Visits and Writes of Places of Beauty and Interest in Europe.**

Mrs. J. S. Taylor, who is abroad, writes the Reporter gain of the places of beauty and interest which she and other passengers of the "Calgaric" have recently visited.

Mrs. Taylor's last letter is written from Hotel Royal Danieli, Venice, dated April 4, as follows:

Hotel Royal Danieli, Venice, April 4, 1930.

"Lorinda Munson Bryant in her book on 'What Pictures to see in Europe in one Summer,' said, 'No truer statement was ever made about foreign travel than that 'you bring back from Europe what you take with you.' You have never seen people more busy than on this cruise.

"If we are not sight seeing we are studying or hearing lectures on the next stop.

"Venice was our last stop. There so many of our dreams came true. We want to read 'Merchant of Venice' again since we have seen the Rialto and in gondolas glided under it and also Bridge of Sighs and many other lovely bridges. We were taken through the prisons and they brought many sighs. The dungeons are heart rending even now although deserted.

"St. Mark's Square is a marvel of beauty. The square is in the form of a trapezium, whose height is greater than its base. 'It is 570 feet long and is average width 230 feet.'

"The 'Golden' Basilica, (the clock tower.) Two brass figures with sledge hammers strike the hours. One strikes six or whatever hour and then the other figure strikes in like manner. So interesting to watch.

"At the end of the Prazzetta we saw the two columns of St. Mark and St. Theodore.

"The Prazzetta is 315 feet long and its average width is 135 feet. No automobiles on this square, so you feel safe in sight seeing. St. Mark's Cathedral unparalleled in the richness of its material and decoration. On the front are the four horses of the Apocalypse. The interior of St. Mark's Cathedral is beyond description.

"They are now doing some repairing. The floor is sinking 1 inch every century. You can detect it.

"Near Venice is the great watering place and a very stylish one.

Lido, April 8.

"We are now in Mussolino's country—Italy. We went to Rome for two days which was too short but we got a great deal in the 'Eternal City' although we had to leave nineteenth of the churches and places of interest indicated in guide books untouched. Mussolino has done a great deal for his country—one thing that gratifies this traveler—no tips in hotels unless some very special attention.

"Our lecturer on board the ship warned us to not say anything about Mussolino while in his country. One guide told us that the King is a figure head.

"We spent some time at the Colosseum, the noble wreck in ruinous perfection is the largest amphitheatre ever constructed. It had seats for about 50,000 spectators, the foremost row being reserved for the Emperor, the Senators and the vestal virgins. It probably received its name from the colossal statue of Nero 118 feet which stood near by.

"The church of St. Peter, the original structure is said to have been built by Constantine upon the site of the circus of Nero, the burial place of St. Peter.

"The interior is impression to the last degree, combining vastness with a marvelous degree of sympathy and proportion. It is asserted that on Easter Sunday not less than 80,000 find standing room within its walls.

"Those who have been there at that time say it is a most impressive occasion with im-

pressive music, led by a remarkable soloist.

"The church of John in Lateran dates from the time of Constantine but has been destroyed and rebuilt a number of times. It has some fine mosaics and marbles but as a whole is much inferior to St. Peter's or St. Maria Maggiore.

"The Scala Sancta will be of interest as it contains the famous staircase, according to tradition is the one which was in the house of Pilate, upon which Christ trod at the beginning of His way along the Via Dolorosa. Its wooden casings have been repeatedly worn out by the knees of ascending pilgrims. It is currently believed that certain stains which may be seen under the casing are from the blood of our Saviour. This is the staircase that Luther was ascending on his knees when suddenly, with the battle-cry, 'The just shall live by faith,' he rose and walked away. We stood for moments watching the many pilgrims ascending on their knees. The stairs was thronged with little folk rich and poor, all classes.

"It was most impressive. A Methodist minister standing by said they will be saved. 'But for Luther many of us might have climbed too.'

"The Vatican is the largest Palace in the world. It contains twenty courts and four thousand rooms. Owing to the fact that there is no unity of design is far from impressive. The Pope's Swiss guards, who are in charge of the entrance, wear striking uniforms designed by Michael Angelo.

"We visited a Methodist Mission overlooking the Vatican which is kept up in most part by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of America. The various nationalities and creeds represented give added prestige and effectiveness to the school.

"At Naples we saw Vesuvius puffing her white smoke into the sky. The Royal Palace, National Museum, one of the finest establishments of Marine biology in the world. We also went to Pompeii, which was buried under twenty feet of ashes eighteen centuries. The Destroyer, still smoking, stands by looking indifferently down on the ruins it wrought. Parts are still covered by volcanic stratum. They are still excavating. They find beautiful things of all kinds, jewelry, furniture, pictures, everything. As Solomon said, 'There is nothing new under the Sun.'

"We crossed over to Corsica, visited Ajaccio, its capital and also birthplace of Napoleon 1st. We visited the house and saw the room in which he was born 1769.

April 9th.

"We are now at Monte Carlo, France, which lies twelve miles beyond Nice and exceeds all other points on the Riviera in beauty. Indeed, there are many people attached here who habitually avoid the Casino, and seek only the unusual opportunity afforded for health and scenery. There is much talk of suppressing the gambling tables, and there is growing sentiment against their continuance. The present company leases the Casino from the Prince of Monaco, who rules over the smallest Monarchy in the world at Monaco—a mile from Monte Carlo."

"We expect to make a short stop at Gibraltar then on to Southampton and disembark for London.

**Farm Broadcast Will Aid Farmers**

Raleigh, April 26.—Beginning Monday at 2 o'clock, the state department of agriculture, in co-operation with the bureau of agriculture economics, will broadcast daily market reports on all North Carolina farm commodities over radio station WPTF, at Raleigh, it was announced by Commissioner W. A. Graham, who has completed the arrangements for this service to the farmers of the state. The time devoted to this broadcast will extend over a period of 10 minutes and reports will be made on movements of all North Carolina crops shipped to other states, together with prices and other data.

Who remembers when the announcer used to say "There will now be a brief pause for

**To Study Game AND Fish In N. C.**

Field work was initiated last week on a study of game conditions and a limited number of features of fisheries and forestry which is designed to form the basis for a broader scope of investigation in the future, it was announced yesterday at the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development.

The study, it was revealed, is in the nature of a preliminary survey of game conditions in the State, which officials plan to make a permanent feature at regular intervals as part of the game, fish and forestry programs, linking associated angles of the three features.

Details of the study were worked out under the supervision of Colonel J. W. Harrelson, Director, & State Game Warden C. H. England, with M. W. Haynes, of Tarboro, Edgecombe county Warden, since the enactment of the State Game Law and student of game conditions, as field representative.

As a basis for further study, the preliminary survey will be carried out in twenty-five counties taken in a cross-section of the State and representative of the various existing conditions. It is the plan of officials later to broaden the scope of the work and to include all of the one hundred counties.

The preliminary survey, the officials assert, is for the purpose of ascertaining as definitely as possible the existing game situation and the other features as a basis for continued studies and as a guide in outlining future policies. It will be the second feature of its kind undertaken by the Department in an effort to ascertain the game status in the State. The first move of this kind was the census of game bagged during the season 1927-1928, the first season of operation of the new game laws.

Questionnaires have been prepared for use by the field representative from which the basic information of the survey will be taken. Mr. Haynes will visit the counties that have been selected for the preliminary study, and will interview personally leading sportsmen and game enthusiasts for the purpose of obtaining information. The field representative will also make personal observations of game, fish and forestry conditions in the various counties and will gather additional information regarding these features for use in tabulating and analyzing the survey. County Wardens have been requested by the State Game Warden to co-operate fully with Mr. Haynes.

Among the most important features of the preliminary survey will be to ascertain the abundance of game as a whole and individual species. Special

consideration will be given to every species of game native to the various sections; comparisons will be made between conditions of each species at the present time and in the past and efforts will be made to determine the causes of any decrease if this situation should be found to exist.

The survey will also ascertain what species of game formerly prevalent or native to each section has become extinct or has been reduced to such a point that its continued existence is threatened. If possible, the causes of this condition will be determined and remedies will be applied or sought. Another angle to be studied is the introduction of new species, showing the success of such efforts and possible extension of the range to other sections.

Counties in which the preliminary survey is to be made include typical territories for every type of game bird and animal including migratory waterfowl, fur-bearing animals, and upland game birds and animals.

Still another feature of the study will seek to determine the extent of injury inflicted on game birds and animals by predatory animals and birds and also the prevalence of diseases among the wild life of the State.

"This study in the form of a preliminary survey that will likely be supplemented and revised from year to year," said a statement from the Department of Conservation and Development, "is designed to supply information for an intelligent administration of the State game law and associated activities. It seeks to arrive at the fundamental facts regarding conditions in order that steps may be taken to remedy unfavorable conditions and to intensify efforts that have been found to be beneficial.

"Information gathered from from the preliminary survey will be tabulated and analyzed thoroughly, and will, no doubt, suggest many features that will be helpful in building up and maintaining the wild life of our State to the end that all the benefits coming therefrom may be perpetuated and increased.

"The study also will help in providing information to be used in formulating recommendations to the next General Assembly. As a permanent record, the survey will give a basis of comparison when future investigations are undertaken, especially in compiling figures on the relative abundance of game. This kind of evidence is of primary importance in determining proper policies for the preservation and increase of all wild life."

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