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## BUILD HIGHWAY TO MOORE'S KNOB

RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION TO BE URGED TO FURNISH FUNDS TO FINANCE LABOR—MOVEMENT LOOKING TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN STOKES COUNTY.

An agitation is on foot, in the interest of unemployment in Stokes county, to build a highway to the top of Moore's Knob, from an intersection with the Danbury-Moore's Springs road near Cascade.

It is believed the Reconstruction Finance Corporation may be induced to finance the labor end of the project, which is estimated would be in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

The acute situation in regard to unemployment in Stokes, resulting from crop disasters, etc., will be brought forcibly to the attention of the federal agency, which has been established by congress to relieve similar conditions in all sections of the country.

A road to the top of Moore's Knob would open up a zone of striking scenic beauty to the public, and would afford a permanent attraction for this section for summer visitors.

A toll gate could be erected, which would turn in many hundreds of dollars in fees from those who visited this, one of the most attractive points of the mountain.

Following after from a prominent business man and capitalist, who first suggested the idea:

## OIL ROAD TO TOP OF MOORE'S KNOB.

Editor Reporter:

At a time when labor in Stokes county is only in small part employed and is in need and even demanding work at wages which are a mere pittance, even in this period of low cost to live, it opens an opportunity to present the case of a self-liquidating project in Stokes county to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. This project lies in the construction of an oil roadway up to the top of Moore's Knob, 3300 feet above the sea level.

There the traveler, looking to the north, can enjoy the beauty and the grandeur of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, twenty miles away; to the west the stately Pilot Mountain and the Shoal Range of Saur Mountains; to the southward the broken and rolling Piedmont country with its landmarks of industry and civilization, and to the eastward Cook's Wall, rock crested and rugged and the lesser eminences known as the Three Sisters.

The short trip from the thickly settled counties nearby and the beauty of the scenery combined with the pleasure afforded by the many mineral springs enroute, will no doubt attract many visitors, who would willingly pay a small toll for the upkeep, and the liquidation of the cost to build the road.

Let the people of Stokes county combine in a great and determined effort to realize this long time dream of theirs.

LAWRENCE MacRAE,  
Walnut Cove, Dec. 1, 1932.

## Get Farm Power From Small Streams

Harnessing the small streams on the farm to produce electrical power for the farm is becoming more common in North Carolina and furnishes the means of lighting many farm jobs.

"The slopes of western North Carolina furnish excellent conditions for the establishing of small power plants for home use," says David S. Weaver, agricultural engineer at State College. "North Carolina has a large area where streams flow rapidly and where the water may be harnessed by water wheels. Some farmers are using overshot wheels, under-shot wheels, turbines and impulse wheels but for average conditions the overshot wheel is the most desirable. In some instances, the results have been unsatisfactory because of variation in the stream flow and a poor estimate of obtaining heads."

Before going to the expense of establishing a plant of this kind, Mr. Weaver suggests that the site be studied in careful detail and the possible horse power available be estimated. For large installations, an engineer should be secured but for smaller streams, the preliminary estimates may be made by the landowner himself.

Mr. Weaver has recently prepared a circular dealing with this subject and he offers to send it to any citizen of the State who may have the power and the funds for installing a home power plant. The circular describes a method of determining whether the stream will develop sufficient power for generating electrical current for either lights or power.

This is one of the most valuable additions to the conveniences of any farm home, Weaver says, in that it may permit of running water as well as power and lights.

## KING NEWS

King, Dec. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. John Love, of Salisbury, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Rev. F. W. Grabs, of Bethania, delivered a very interesting sermon at the Moravian church Sunday afternoon.

Clyde Boyles, who was arrested here Thursday night by deputy sheriff H. H. Brown charged with intoxication, was given a hearing Friday before Justice J. Stedman Garner. A fine of \$2.00 and cost of the action was imposed. He was also given 10 days in jail suspended for ninety days.

The following births were registered here last week: To Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Stewart, a daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. Royal Spainhower, a daughter.

The King high school lost a double header basketball game to Pinnacle high school Friday. Boys game, Pinnacle 19; girls, Pinnacle 13, King 12.

Ray Thomas has returned from Wilmington, where he spent a few days on a sightseeing trip.

Miss Kate P. Stone, of Charlotte, spent Sunday here, the guest of relatives.

Dr. Grady E. Stone celebrated his 42nd birthday Sunday. A number of near relatives were present for the occasion.

P. H. Newsum and Joel Y. Southern made a business trip to Winston Monday.

Virgil Spease, of Old Richmond, was among the visitors here Sunday.

The consolidated school will close for Christmas Friday, December 23, and reopen again January 2nd.

## NEW COMMISSIONER COUNTY OFFICERS TO BE NAMED

F. P. STONE REPORTED TO BE NOW LIVING IN SURRY AND THEREFORE INCAPACITATED TO ACT AS STOKES OFFICIAL.

It is understood that F. P. Stone, who has served as a member of the Board of Stokes County Commissioners for two years, and who was re-elected to this position in November, is now a citizen of Surry county and will resign his Stokes office at once. In that event Mr. Stone's successor would be appointed by the Clerk of the Superior Court, J. Watt Tuttle.

The information which the Reporter gets in the matter is that Mr. Stone, who was recently married to a Surry county lady who owns a farm in Surry, has lately made his residence in Surry, and will continue to reside in that county on the plantation of his wife. Mr. Stone has rented his farm in this county, and will not reside on it in the future. As this situation is said to incapacitate the commissioner for further official duties in this county, his resignation is expected without delay.

Just whom Mr. Stone's successor will be has not been determined. However, it is generally believed that the Clerk, acting in cooperation with the Stokes County Democratic Executive Committee, will name a new commissioner to replace Mr. Stone within a few days.

## Progress of the Home

Nothing has done more toward encouragement of home building and a fuller, happier, more leisurely domestic life, than electricity. That statement needs no argument—statistics back it up. For example, one cent, with electricity costing five cents per kilowatt hour, will operate a 50-watt light for four hours. It will operate a toaster long enough to make 20 slices of toast. It will operate a percolator long enough to make six cups of coffee, or a heating pad for from four to eight hours. It will operate a chafing dish for 24 minutes, and a thousand other labor-saving devices.

In ten years the number of homes receiving electric service has doubled and the total is now above 20,000,000. The benefits of abundant, low priced power have been extended into farming districts and thinly populated regions of all kinds thru the development of great interconnected systems.

Perhaps it is by this achievement—the progress of the home—that electricity will at last be judged. There it has broken bonds that bound us for hundreds of years and released time once given to laborious tasks, to other uses. Domestic evolution and electric power are almost synonymous terms.

## Death of M. F. Brown

M. F. Brown, of Vade Mecum, died recently of tuberculosis. Mr. Brown was an ex-serviceman, and had been in failing health since his discharge from the army. He was a good citizen.

## COUNTY OFFICERS FILE THEIR BONDS

REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN FULTON RETIRES, AND J. A. JOYCE IS MADE CHAIRMAN OF RE-ORGANIZED BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS — BUSINESS ONLY ROUTINE.

Republican Chairman Jacob Fulton, of the Stokes county board of commissioners, retired Monday. In his place J. A. Joyce was elected chairman of the re-organized board, all of whom are Democrats, as follows: J. A. Joyce, F. P. Stone, H. H. Brown, the latter the newly-elected commissioner in place of Jacob Fulton.

Nearly all business transacted by the newly-organized board was of a routine nature, such as the payment of claims, granting of tax releases, etc.

Bonds for their new terms were filed by the various officers, including the Sheriff J. J. Taylor, Clerk Superior Court J. Watt Tuttle, and Register of Deeds B. P. Bailey.

## Pastor M. E. Church

Rev. J. B. Needham, of Richmond, California, with Mrs. Needham, arrived here last week. Mr. Needham is the new Methodist Episcopal pastor on this charge, supplying the field vacated by Rev. Mr. Hartsfield, who has removed to California. Mr. Needham will have charge of the churches of Danbury, Davis Chapel, Pine Hall, Bethesda and Vade Mecum.

Mr. Needham is a native of Surry county, but has been a resident of California for a number of years, where he was pastor of Central Methodist church South of Richmond, Cal. He is a nephew of the late Father Needham, noted Methodist divine of Surry county, who reached the great age of 100 years, and who filled a life of great usefulness in his day.

## Wild Bill Migrates

William Mabe, familiarly known as "Wild Bill," was dividing up his crop of potatoes Monday preparatory to removing back to the mountain, near Vade Mecum. "Wild Bill" owns two valuable cats, refusing an offer of \$30 for one of them. He says they are of the "Mauwe" variety, and very efficacious in the destruction of rats. "Wild Bill" is a great sprinter. He says he walked to Winston and back by noon, leaving home at sunup. He walks to Mount Airy frequently in a half day, a distance of 35 miles.

## Much Hog-Killing

This is said to be an unusually fine fall for saving pork. Many fine hogs have been slaughtered recently, and the reports say there is a superabundance of meat being killed. Last fall, it will be remembered, so many farmers lost their pork from a sudden warm spell following the slaughter.

The reason a lot of men have had to pay income taxes is because they refused to let their conscience be their guide.

## Taking The Slack Out Of American System

(High Point Enterprise.)

While a field man in the State estimates that North Carolina will need some nine millions to carry through its program for the year in relief of unemployment, the unemployment service of the United States reports that the revival of business is putting more men on pay rolls steadily now.

We hope that this creative operation will continue and that it will proceed rapidly enough to take up in 1933 the disastrous economic slack in this country. No one can contemplate the direct relief program undertaken by the federal government through the states without being fearful of what it will do to the fibre of the people's confidence.

The country is on a partial debt system right now and those benefited by it as well as those who are paying the bills through taxation do not want to see that system extended greatly or prolonged. Yet there is no argument with urgent necessity for food, clothing and shelter. These basic needs of unemployed people must be met. It would be foul to starve out one-fourth of the American people this winter while great surpluses of the necessities are present in the land.

But the hand-out is a poor and a dangerous substitute for a job to which every worker feels he is entitled and the sooner the repair of the business structure permits the re-employment of the idle millions the better. Looking to that happy end, every statesman concerned with a decision respecting the treatment of our war debts should have in mind the building up of foreign trade for the United States.

## Collision Near Cove

A semi-serious accident occurred near Walnut Cove Sunday when two cars, one driven by Dr. J. L. Hanes, of Pine Hall, and the other by a young man named Lackey, collided on the curve facing Dr. J. W. Neal's residence. Neither party was hurt beyond slight abrasions. Dr. Hanes had a minor cut on his face. Both cars were badly smashed up.

## Bridge Work

The bridge forces at work on the new State structure being erected across Dan river at Buck Island ford, are now pouring cement, and the work is proceeding satisfactorily. This is a large and costly bridge, and it is estimated that even with favorable weather during the winter, it will be upwards toward spring before the job is completed.

There may be a few dumb girls around here but all of them know that garter snakes are not used to hold up the stockings.

We were satisfied with one thing a long time before election and that was that the next president wouldn't have a mustache.

## GREAT SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES

SHERIFF BIDS IN BULK ON PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY'S NAME — PROPERTY OWNERS MAY REDEEM.

According to the provisions of law, Sheriff J. John Taylor sold a huge list of property here Monday on which taxes are due the county. The bulk of the lands were bid off in the name of the county by the Sheriff.

It is understood that the taxpayers whose properties have been auctioned off, may redeem their rights under certain conditions, coupled with the payment of penalties and costs.

## Back To Work

The tumult and the shouting have died. The speeches have all been made. The votes have been counted.

The campaign is history, and it's time to go back to work.

The great problems of today are not political problems. They are economic, financial, social. They are completely nonpartisan. All any President can do to solve them is to give his very best effort, according to his lights, to assist the people with the power of government. Legislation will be passed, official suggestions will be offered—but no matter how good they are, they will be worthless unless the people stand shoulder to shoulder and work for their own salvation.

Almost all observers agree that the bottom of depression has been touched. The work of restoration has begun. It will be a long, an arduous work, requiring the utmost of each of us, can use. Partisanship must be forgotten. Labels must be forgotten. Never in the history of the country has nonpolitical leadership, and nonpolitical thought, been so essential to the future.

So—back to work!

## There Must Be Some Taxpayers

Uncle Sam may print envelopes in competition with local printers, do dental work in competition with dentists, he can loan money, run banks, conduct commercial shipping, handle railroads, buy wheat, sell groceries and operate mills, but there is one thing he cannot do—cannot pay any dividends in conducting all this business.—The Lind, Washington, Leader.

One hundred cash and merchandise prizes were donated to Catawba county 4-H club members for successful achievement this season. The prizes were secured by the Newton Kiwanis Club.

Using a home-mixed fertilizer according to a formula developed by E. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist at State College, J. E. Rice, of Madison county, produced 1,660 pounds an acre of good burley tobacco.

Haywood county farmers have recently purchased three pure bred beef bulls for upgrading the herds of the county.