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possible to get the lumber to market on account of bad roads, in certain sections of the township. He states that there is a positive waste of thouthat there is a positive waste of thou-sands of dollars in tree tops and slass from saw logs, because the roads are in such condition that it makes it un-profitable to carry them to market, to say nothing of the extra expense in marketing the lumber. In this connection it might be well to relate the fact that Russell Pope, who lives on a good road in Marshville town-ship, grew, harvested and had ground a fine crop of wheat during a few weeks in the dead of winter last year. How did he do it? Why, a saw mill man gave him the slabs from the mill to get them removed out of the way. We Pone hauled the slabs from the mill to get them removed out of the way. man gave him the slabs from the mill to get them removed out of the way. Mr. Pope hauled the slabs to market over good roads, sold them and bought flour enough to last him twelve months from the proceeds of what would have otherwise been wasted. Enough fine saw timber has been piled and burnt in Union county in the years gone by to provide a system of good roads, because there was no profitable way of market-

"SLOPPED" THE HORSE

FORMER MONROE MAN Claude Kitchin, the State's Most STATEMENT BY THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS EXACT MILEAGE

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From the dramatic days of the late leader, that he was vicious in de-

nineties when, with his distinguished bate because his attacks, like a brick father, William H. Kitchin also at in a towel, were wranned in smiles.

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Claude Kitchin, the State's Most
SORE AND WEART,
Sore and wear of the fire and reader and the cambe ender t If these reasons were not sufficient and if the law would permit the spending of county funds for such an enterprise, a further reason is found in the fact that according to the Couny's Engineer the project would cost the county in the neighborhood or \$12,000.00 and the State offered to furnish only \$3,000.00. Even taking the State's Engineer's figures, the cost to the county would be \$8750.00. With their figures the county would be paying 74 per cent of the cost of constructing a State Highway while the State would pay only 26 per cent. If the figures were reversed the prop-osition might appear more reasonable. Taking the county engineer's figures the State would pay 20 per cent of the total cost to the county's 80 per cent.

In addition the State expects the couny to furnish all water for the job. In a letter of the 29th instant they state that the county is expeced to furnish all material, the Highway Commission only to do the work. This Commission only to do the work. This would put the county in worse pre-dicament still, for the furnishing of "all material" means the furnishing of all lime, cement, sand, tarvia, tar and whatever else that might be nec-essary. This would put the cost to the county of twelve or fifteen thou-send dollars or more. This compared

sand dollars or more. This compared to the state's \$3,000.00 makes the whole proposition out of the question. No three citizens of the county, whether they lived on the highway in contractory not moved the state of the state o

whether they lived on the highway in controversy or not, would agree to this unfair proportion of expense. Is the proposition fair to the tax-payers living on other roads of the county, particularly county roads as distinguished from State roads? If the road commission did this work Is the proposition fair to the tax-payers living on other roads of the county, particularly county roads as distinguished from State roads? If the road commission did this work at such unreasonable terms could not the Banton Heights officens rightful ly expect the same thing. likewise Waxhaw, Wingate, Marshville and all towns on state roads in the county. The road commission is as desirous. The road commission is as desirous as anyone that this stretch of road be built and hopes that the State will see fit to do the work at an early date. Sooner or later they will de the work

Figures From Auditor Show That Present Commissioners Have Been Economical

THE TWO BOARDS

COST OF ROADS IS BEING REDUCED

That the administration of the resent board of road commissioners has been, and is, economical, is prov-en by the official figures from the auditor's examination of their books. They built more miles at less expense than former boards and are prepared to reduce the cost still lower. They have given an official signed statement saying that they do not expect to issue but half the amount of bonds authorized for the first year and that they believe these will be sufficient to put all the roads and bridges in good shape and round out the system by giving connecting and lateral roads where they are needed. Nobody knows how the people will

vote on the question, but common fairness would suggest that the road commissioners be given credit for what they have done. If the people wish to do without more roads and wish to do without more roads and better roads they are entitled to have the facts before * them before they make up their judgment. Many peo-ple are against bonds for reasons which they believe to be true but up-on which they have been misinformed.

Arguments one hears are that old road contractors can hold over and road contractors can hold over and force the county to give them work under the new issue: that money has been wagted; that only 100 miles of roads have been built; that too high prices were paid; that the adminis-strative expense has been too great; that the county has made a mistake in buying the four maintenance in buying the four maintenance trucks. All these arguments are eas-ily refuted as they are utterly without foundation.

The statement that former con-tractors can force the county to give them work under the next bond issue is both false and absurd and it has

the present commission has built 126.7 miles of roads out of \$386,301. The present commission can only be held accountable for two issues of Sooner or later they will de the work without any aid from Union county, as this county has not secured its full share of the \$65,000,000.00 State bond issue. The county road commission the old commission, leaving them with only \$386,3\$1 for the construc-tion of roads. This sum, i. e., \$386.-301 is the total bond money, excluding premium and earned interest, that the present commission has expended since April 21, 1921. Out of this sum they built roads at an aver-age cost of \$2750 per mile; including culverts, drains and bridges, whereas the 103.91 roads built by the old commissioners cost over \$5,000 per mile. This information is taken from the Auditor's report of Nov. 30, 1922. The continued statement that only 100 miles of roads have been built out of the million dollar indebtedness contracted by several road commis-The mule had the plow gear on and is supposed to have become frighten-ed and thrown the boy, who became tangled in the gear and was dragged about a mile to the home of Mr. Mott Dees. The commencement exercises of the Mott Dees. The commencement exercises of the Pageland High School were held Monday night. Dr. Oliver Johnson of Winnsboro made the address of the occasion. He preached the Baccala, ureate sermon in the school auditor-ium Sunday morning. The following are the graduates from the high school this year: Burrus Cato, Beu-lah Dawkins, Nell Gathings, Ruth Mangum, Coit McDonald, Atley New, Jonnie Perry, Nina Plyler, and Juna Raybourn. Cotton is small for the season in this community, but the grass seems to be growing luxuriantly. The annual family reunion will take place at the home of Mr. U. A.

And the set of the two years, has always been of an economical turn of mind. He has worked hard and has always made it a rule to pay his taxes as soon as the books open. Recently he pur-chased an automobile and is keeping pace with the progress of the times. Mr. Stegall, economical as he is, realizes the waste and heavy expense incurred by any section that is con-tent with bad roads. He declares that the damage to his car is greater in getting over the 21-2 miles of bad roads from his home to Olive Branch Olive Branch to Marahvilla, a dis-tance of nine miles. He believes that if the people of Mouros, Marahvilla have good roads will visit his section and see for themselves the kind of roads his community is having to put (Compared on page two)

that I desire to thank all my friends action and neighbors for all their loving ad of kindness and attention during the to put slokness and death of my daughter. I pro- May God's blessings rest upon all of May God's bleesings r them.---W. E. Knotta, gs rest upon all of



\$60,000 a Year Interest Is

NOT THAT MUCH IF NEW ISSUE IS MADE

When a man insists on proving the truthfulness of his remarks always let him do it.

A woman's teeth usurp the func-tions of her tongue then they they they "Henry: "At's all; then they go'n to take me but and hang me." tions of her tongue when they chatter.

Monroe Route Six News Monroe, May 31 .-- We are having quite a bit of rain at present. The farmers of this section have but very little corn planted.

Mr. Willie Godfrey of Wingate was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pres-ley Sunday afternoon. Mr. Godfrey will give the Sunday school at the Hemby school house a lecture next Statement That County Pays Sunday at 3:30. Everybody is cordially invited to come and hear him. Miss Bettie Benton of Charlotte spent Saturday and Sunday with her

cousin, Miss Auta Presley. Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Yandle were the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Yandle, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ritch of Char-

Henry: "No, sir. I slammed my wife Lizzie with a flat iron and killed-ed her." Sambo: "What you mean to tell

issue. The county road commission is ready and willing to co-operate with them in every possible way that it can.

J. D. McRAE, Chairman. T. G. COLLINS, Secretary. J. F. THOMPSON, 3rd Member.

Lad Killed By Mule Throwing

and Dragging Him. Pageland, May 30.—Maurice Gib-son, son of Mr. Charles Gibson, was killed yesterday morning by a run-away mule and his body was badly mangled. Mr. Gibson lives on the Luke Graves place east of Pageland. He was taking a mule from the field

this community, but the grass seems to be growing luxuriantly. The annual family reunion will take place at the home of Mr. U. A. McManus, five miles west of Page-land, next Sunday, June 3. The pub-lic is invited. Mr. McManus will celebrate his 76th birthday and will be delighted to have his many friends present. Mr. McManus is the father of 24 children and they will be pres-ent with their families.

of 24 children and they will be pres-ent with their families. Indian Trail Route News Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Helms of Char-lotte are spending this week with Mr. Helms' father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Helms. Miss Mary Helms of Unionville, who has been going to school at Greenville, will return to her home-Saturday where she will spend her-summer vacation. summer vacation. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Connell and children spent last Sunday with Mrs. Claude Furgeson of Clear Creek com-munity. Mr. Jack Duncar of Goose Creek

Mr. Jack Duncar of Goose Creek returned to his home Monday after at Stanley, N. C. "Pa, what's auburn mean?" "Auburn, my son, is a word used by reporters to keep from hurting a red-headed girl's feelings."