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Virginia Legislature Authorizes Galax-Low Gap Road Built

A GREAT FORWARD MOVE

Last week the Virginia legislature made a great forward move when it authorized the building of a hard surface road from the town of Galax to the North Carolina line at the top of the mountain at Lowgap. This road will be about seven miles long and will be made at a cost of about \$80,000. When completed it will give the town of Galax and that part of Virginia an outlet to the south and this part of this state.

All this recalls the great event of the meeting of the governors of the two states, North Carolina and Virginia, some years ago at the state line on the Mount Airy-Hillsville road, and there before the assembled little audience made up of representatives of the two states, come to witness the event, the two governors and their political backers pledged their states to a cooperation in road work. Part of this cooperation was an agreement that when either state made a good road to a point on the state line, then the other state would connect up with it with an equally good road.

After this solemn agreement, witnessed by many prominent citizens, the subject was further discussed with much speech making in the town of Mount Airy.

Now all this is brought prominently to mind when we recall that, acting on this promise and agreement, the state of Virginia has authorized the construction of the hard surface road across Carroll county to the Virginia line on the Fancy Gap road, which work is now well along the way and will be completed this year. And now the state of Virginia has again come to the front by authorizing the road from Galax to the North Carolina line at Lowgap. If agreements are made in good faith, and they are, and this state lives up to its part of the agreement then it is some sizable job that is to be done to connect up the road system of this state with the two hard surface roads that Virginia is now making to our state line.

It is hard to estimate the value to this state that will come from the construction of the Galax road. It will open up that part of Virginia and give Virginia an outlet to the cities of this state and make road conditions such that trucks can deliver the products of Virginia farms to such cities as Greensboro and Winston-Salem and return home the same day. Slowly but surely this part of the world is getting out of the woods.

Co-ops Have a New Contract For Sign-up

Raleigh, March 9.—The new contract for the old bright belt Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association is now on the press and will be presented to tobacco farmers of Western North Carolina and Virginia at an early date.

This announcement was made here today by Charles F. Cates, chairman of the organization committee elected by tobacco farmers of the old bright belt to carry the sign-up campaign organization of a new association.

The immediate and active prosecution of the campaign for a new association of tobacco farmers in the old bright belt was authorized at last week's meeting of the executive committee of the organization committee elected by the farmers, according to the statement of Chairman Cates today. The executive committee of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association at last meeting agreed to lend the field forces of the present association to assist in presenting the new contract to the old bright belt farmers.

The new contract, which is expected to reach tobacco growers of West and North Carolina and Virginia next week, calls for 85 per cent of the total acreage of the belt and calls for all tobacco grown upon the farms or all landlord signers.

AT THE BASEBALL GAME

Maud—Did you understand the game?

Ethel—I don't remember much, except that it was all settled by a man they call the vampire.

DREW HER OWN CONCLUSIONS

"I hear you have changed your milkman."

"Yes, my wife heard the one we had say he was on the water wagon."

Talks By the County Agent

By H. E. White,
Surry County Farm Demonstration Agent

In last week's issue of this paper something was said about fruit growing in this county. Mr. H. E. Niswonger is very optimistic about the future of fruit growing in this county—especially the growing of peaches—this he thinks is well worthy of future development and especially in small units. It is much better to have many growing a few acres each rather than have a few growers with a relatively large acreage. It is better to have 10 men growing 50 acres rather than one man growing 500 acres. Too large acreage means heavy investment with high overhead also makes the labor situation difficult. Where each man has a small unit he is able to utilize his own labor and does not have to hire so very much until the harvest season—then the growers can combine in filling car lot orders. Growers should be careful in planting only the commercial varieties such as Belle of Georgia, Hales and Albertas—70 per cent should be planted in Albertas so cars of this variety can be shipped. One of the needs of this county is a fruit growers association to help in the proper development of that industry in this county. Wilkes has such an association and is doing great work in promoting fruit growing in that county. Last winter they had a fruit growers school at North Wilkesboro where the best methods of fruit growing were discussed. Many of the best fruit growers were present and helped to take part in this discussion. We can have such a school in this county if we can show the officials of State College that it is worth the expense of sending in men from the College to help with the school. It means work on our part to have such a school but would be worth all the trouble and expense in order to develop such. If there are any fruit growers who are interested in such express your opinion so plans can be made for the fall or spring.

The Kiwanis club of Elkin held a meeting last Friday and the subject discussed was the marketing of poultry and cream. Mr. V. W. Lewis, Senior Marketing Specialist of the State Department of Agriculture discussed the marketing of poultry in car lot shipments. Mr. Lewis has been rather active in development of markets by helping in the shipment of poultry in car lots. He will aid in the marketing of poultry and milk products. He spent some time investigating the present marketing of poultry around Elkin.

Mr. Bates of the Southern Railway made a very interesting talk on sour cream shipment—milk can be sold as whole milk, sweet cream or sour cream—sour cream selling is the easiest to get into as there is very little sanitary requirement outside of ordinary care—the cream must be shipped twice per week in summer and once a week in winter. He said there could be sold from Elkin \$150,000 worth of dry products if this could be developed. In 1925 no commercial butter was made in the S. E. states but last year 50,000,000 pounds were made. In one week this year 49 cars of milk was handled by the Southern Railway. This milk was being shipped from the north to Florida and a lot of this milk was shipped through this state and he thought that this milk should be produced in the south at a great profit.

Mr. C. F. Parrish, Assistant on Poultry Extension explained the need in Surry county of a better grade of poultry. He inspected 18 flocks and found four good enough to be recommended to be put out among the club members of the county. He is very anxious to see the industry built up on safe lines with dairying and tobacco growing each as a cash crop and not as the present time depending on one cash crop. One of the greatest needs is proper housing and the introduction of good producing stock.

Sometime ago I mentioned that I had made arrangements with Mr. W. E. Matthews, Pilot Mountain to keep on hand a supply of lime at all times. I have now made arrangements with Mr. J. C. Dobbins, Elkin, for him to keep Magnesium lime on hand for those planning to use lime to prevent sand down in tobacco. He is prepared to sell this lime at \$6.50 per ton. If you have this disease in your crop it means that your soil is deficient in Magnesium and you cannot

Surry Again Gets Nothing

HIGHWAY BIDS TO TOTAL \$2,000,000

Letting March 30 by State Includes One From Mayodan to Virginia Line.

Raleigh, March 18.—Around two million dollars will be involved in the highway letting for March 30, which was announced yesterday morning by the State Highway Commission. The 13 projects include the construction of 121.29 miles of highway with 47.25 miles hard surface, 7.6 miles top soil, and the remainder 66.35 miles grading.

The roads are widely scattered throughout the state, with only one in Wake county. Contracts will be let for the grading on 11.51 miles from the Harnett county line toward Raleigh. The longest stretch of road, will be 12.73 miles of sand asphalt in Hoke county from Esauford to the Moore county line. In Granville county, 8.68 miles of hard surface will be constructed from Hester to the Durham county line.

Other contracts for hard surface on which bids will be received are: 7.85 miles in Camden county, from South Mills to the Virginia State line; 6.04 miles in Rutherford county from the Iredell county line to Salisbury; 5.41 miles in Rutherford county from the Henderson county line toward Rutherfordton, and 4.76 miles from Weaverville toward Asheville.

Contracts for a top soil road, 7.6 miles in length, will be received in Moore and Montgomery counties between the Richmond county line and West End. In Stanly county contracts for grading 13.36 miles between Albemarle and the Rowan county line will be received.

Other grading contracts include: 11.55 miles in Jones county, between Trenton and Lenoir county line; 10.51 miles in Robeson county between Lumberton and Fairmont; 8.34 miles in Halifax county between Scotland Neck and the Martin county line, and 11.11 miles in Rockingham county between the Virginia line and Mayodan.

grow tobacco successfully as long as your soil is deficient so now make your arrangements to get your lime. This same lime is good for legumes of all kinds so you can apply it to other crops. I am expecting to get a dealer in Mount Airy to keep a stock of magnesium lime on hand and will give name and prices when I am able to do so.

On account of snow and bad roads Mr. Parrish and I were not able to give the poultry culling demonstrations as we had planned on Thursday and Friday. Mr. Parrish is well pleased with response showed by the farmers in this county in attending the culling and learning the method.

H. E. WHITE, County Agent.

Get Ready to Fight the Peach Insects

Peach Worm
If you have followed previous instructions in spraying for San Jose Scale, keep the spray pump oiled up and in readiness for fighting the peach worm, the "Curculio." The adult "curculio" is a hard shelled bug which appears early, feeds on the young buds as they are coming out and later stings the young fruit and lays its eggs one or more in the skin of the young peach.

When to Spray
1st. When about three-fourths of the petals (pink part of flower) have dropped.

2nd. When calyxes or "shucks" are shedding or when the small peaches are exposed.

What to Use
For each spray use one pound powdered arsenate of lead plus three pounds of stone lime to 50 gallons of water. Slack the lump lime to a thin paste add to the barrel of water mixing well and then put in the 1 pound of arsenate of lead, which has been previously mixed to a thin paste.

Peach Borer
The worm that bores into the body of the tree at the roots can still be gassed as the ground warms up. Use paradichlorobenzene 1-4 ounce to trees 2 to 3 years old; 1-2 to 3-4 oz. to trees 3 to 6 years; one ounce to old trees.

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Local Merchants Association Has Large Membership

Joined State Merchants Association January 18th, With Over Fifty Members

On January 18, 1926, the Mount Airy Merchants Association unanimously voted to become members of the State Merchants Association. The present association in Mount Airy has been organized something near one year, but as most local associations, they have realized that they could not be of as much service to their members, and do as much good in the community as they could do, were they members of the State Association, therefore, on January 18th, they decided to become members of the State association. At the time this forward step was taken, the membership was getting smaller and had dwindled down to about thirty members, but since becoming members of the State organization, the total membership of the Association is fifty six.

The success of our association is largely due to the cooperative efforts of the officers. Mr. J. G. Harrison was unanimously elected president for the year of 1926, and since his election, he has been very active in the affairs of the organization, and is making a splendid president. Mr. Harrison is a young man in the "Ladies Ready-to-Wear" business here in Mount Airy, and is closely in touch with business matters and with problems that confront retail merchants daily. The Board of Directors of the Mount Airy Merchants Association is composed of W. S. Wolfe, of W. S. Wolfe Drug Company, A. G. Webb, of Granite Mercantile Company, John D. Thompson of Thompson's Furniture Company and S. M. Hale of Hale's Department Store. All of the above mentioned directors are men of business ability and are among the leading merchants of Mount Airy. H. O. Wolts, a local attorney of the law firm of Wolts & Wolts, has been employed as part time secretary of the association. W. F. Carter, Jr., of Carter-Walker Furniture Co. is treasurer of the organization.

Since the re-organization of the Merchants Association in Mount Airy, great progress has been made, and the association has made it possible to practically eliminate the peddling problem for Surry County. A service is being rendered the merchants, which is enabling them to choose their credit customers from a list that will more than likely, according to past history, meet their obligations promptly. The association has also put on an advertising campaign for Mount Airy which has awakened the citizenship of the city in a way unparalleled in its history, and it is impossible for anyone to describe in a limited space, the good the Merchants Association is doing here. As an illustration, one member has donated fifty acres of land to be given by the association, as manufacturing sites, to any manufacturer who will locate a plant in Mount Airy. The Mount Airy Merchants Association is to have full power in giving the land, and can give it to any person, persons or corporation that they wish, and in any way they wish, and under any conditions that meet with the approval of the Board of Directors of the association.

The association has set aside a large sum of money for an advertising fund, to be used in interesting people throughout the State of North Carolina, in Mount Airy and this section of the State. The slogan that has been adopted is "Publicity," and the association is certainly publishing the fact that Mount Airy is a good town, with the best hydro-electric power; the very best Anglo-Saxon labor, and a desirable location for manufacturing plants. The citizens of Mount Airy are under great obligations to the Merchants Association, and the writer, for one, realizes as most of the citizens of Mount Airy do, that the Merchants Association is a live organization and is rendering a great service to Mount Airy and the merchants of Mount Airy. The writer further realizes that the State Merchants Association is having a great deal to do with the success of the local association and would unhesitatingly recommend to any local associations that they, by all means, become members of the State Association and in that way come into contact, as can be done in no other way, with what the other organizations in the State are doing.

We invite the attention of any asso-

ciation in the State which wants to know what real constructive program is, and what an organization of this kind can mean to a town, to investigate the good the Mount Airy Merchants Association is doing to Mount Airy and Surry County.

Four Cotton Mills to be Put on Block

Greensboro, March 18.—An order providing for the sale at auction of the four cotton mills of the Mecklenburg Mills Company was filed in the Federal District Court clerk's office here today, the order being made by Judge E. Yates Webb, of Shelby, Judge of Western North Carolina District.

The sale will be held at Newton at a date to be set by the special master, who is also named in the order. He is Sidney S. Alderman, an attorney of this city. The property to be sold consists of the Mecklenburg Mills at Charlotte; Newton and Clyde Mills, at Newton, and Nancy Mills, at Tuckertown, Montgomery County.

TOBACCO PRICES SHOW INCREASE

Season Average of \$23 is 26 Per Cent Higher Than Last Year.

Raleigh News and Observer.
Tobacco warehouse sales to date throughout the old and new bright belts reveal that about 350,000,000 pounds of tobacco have been sold at an average price of almost 23 cents per pound and that the average price so far this year received for the weed is 26 per cent better than for the previous season, according to figures compiled by the Co-operative Crop Reporting Service.

The February sales in the several warehouses were relatively heavy, as approximately 15,000,000 pounds were delivered by the farmers in the two belts. However, the prices last month were slightly lower than were those in preceding months because a large amount of the tobacco was sold, consequently lowering the price for the markets. There is no comparative prices for February, 1925, as the report for that month was combined and issued with the season's report.

The markets at Fuquay Spring, located in the Old Belt, had the highest price of \$23.34 per hundred lbs., while Wilson in the New Belt, led with an average of \$23.27 per hundred pounds.

The average price of all the markets reporting in the Old Belt was \$11.97 per hundred pounds, while in the New Belt the average price received for the golden weed was slightly higher, sales averaging \$13.51 per hundred pounds. The average price brought at the Mebane market was the lowest in the Old Bright Belt; the price there being \$7.29 per hundred pounds. The lowest average price in the New Bright Belt was at Goldsboro, where the price was \$12.23 per hundred pounds, considerably higher than in the Old Bright Belt.

Season sales to date in the Old Bright Belt as placed at 103,446,400 pounds, while in the New Bright Belt the sales have reached 195,426,599 pounds, but several of the markets in this belt failed to make reports.

The markets of the State, the average price per hundred pounds, and the season's sales to date follow:

Markets (Old Belt)	Average Price	Season Sales
Durham	7.96	1,612,282
Durham	14.76	14,828,029
Elkin	15.85	964,108
Fuquay Springs	23.24	5,513,582
Henderson	12.92	8,978,009
Louisburg	11.50	2,328,376
Madison	8.50	2,090,526
Mebane	7.29	1,780,516
Mt. Airy	7.65	2,443,974
Oxford	11.42	8,922,989
Ridgeway	10.81	3,418,971
Roanoke	9.57	8,872,922
Stantonsville	16.75	1,264,795
Warrenton	12.13	3,645,597
Wendell	18.22	3,329,580
Winston-Salem	11.68	97,102,526

Markets (New Bright Belt)	Average Price	Season Sales
Carthage	16.95	1,280,000
Farmville	20.40	11,585,922
Goldsboro	13.26	5,974,000
Greenville	16.00	41,220,000
Kinston	18.12	20,442,400
Robersonville	—	2,745,200
Rocky Mount	19.85	25,965,500
Tarboro	—	3,481,200
Williamston	14.87	5,061,242
Wilson	23.27	68,120,170