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THE ROAD QUESTION.

One of the big questions with which the coming session of the General Assembly will have to deal is the road question.

We are, have always been, in favor of good roads; and when we say roads, we mean roads, roads in the plural, not a road. What we want to see is a system of roads that serve the masses of the people, not a few classes of people. We want a system that connects not only all the larger towns, county seats, but permeates every section of the State.

After building the trunk lines we must build feeders. Roads connecting the county seats and larger towns are all right as far as they go, but they do not go far enough. Roads to serve all the people must be roads that reach all the people. A system of roads to serve the people of McDowell must not only connect Marion with other county seats, but must make it possible for the people of Broad River, of Brackets, of Crooked Creek, to reach Marion and other points. There must be a system of roads in the township. People want roads leading not only to large centers, but they want roads that make it possible for them to go to the church of their community. They want roads over which they can transport the children of the community to large central points where good schools can be maintained. School consolidation without roads is impossible.

Good roads cost money. One reason we have not been able to construct good roads is that we have not been willing to pay the price. A poor road is the most expensive road. A road to be efficient must be a road that can be used three hundred and sixty-five days in the year. Some of the roads that we are now building can be used for only a few months. Merely to grade a road is only the beginning of the project. The road must be completed. Completed in such manner that when one contemplates a whole day's trip one does not have to consult the augury as to the kind of weather to be expected before leaving home in the forenoon to return in the afternoon. Even a community road should have some sort of surface that a slight shower will not make impassable.

A satisfactory system of roads cannot be built in a day. It will require years to build a system of roads that will serve all the people. This is no reason, however, why we should not begin. For the sooner we begin the sooner will we get the roads. We have temporized, compromised, and economized (?) long enough. The time is at hand when we should adopt a big program of road construction, that when completed will serve the people of every county in North Carolina. We cannot plead poverty, and if we could, that would within itself be the very reason why we should have good roads.

Good roads mean good schools, good churches, good business, and good people.

Let it be hoped that when the General Assembly takes up the road program of North Carolina that it will lose sight of everything but North Carolina's development, and work out a scheme big enough for a big state and a big people. Nothing else will or can be satisfactory.

Next Thursday being Thanksgiving, The Progress will go to press a day earlier. Please bear this in mind and send in copy for this issue as early as possible.

The Progress will keep you posted as to McDowell county news better than any other means.

RECKLESS DRIVING.

More people are being killed as a result of careless and reckless driving of automobiles than are killed by the railroads. An examination of the records discloses the fact that the number of accidents increase rather than diminish.

Laws have been passed limiting the speed at which cars may be driven, but some drivers pay no attention whatever to the law. No one expects the officers to catch every offender, but it does seem that the officers could do more to enforce the law. Usually we wait for a terrible accident to happen then begin to tighten up the screws. After some one has been killed it does not restore life to then begin to enforce the laws. Laws are intended for the protection of the public. They should be enforced as a measure of prevention rather than of restoration.

There is a law against children under sixteen years of age driving an automobile and it should be enforced. We often see children driving cars. This is dangerous, as they are likely to be more careless than grown ups. They do not have as much forethought as older people. Then, too, what is the use of having a law if it is not enforced. Let's see that this law and the one against speeding is enforced.

WORK AND SAVE.

The world owes no abled-bodied slacker a living. He must go out among his fellows and earn it. The character of that living depends solely upon the mental and physical equipment with which he has been endowed, aided and developed by his own unceasing efforts. The work slacker in peace times is as much a menace to his country as his prototype in times of war. He is costing his country millions every year, and he it is who is pushing ever upward the cost of living through reduction of output and effort. More individual effort and more production will bring down the cost of living and thereby remove distress, says Washington Post. Thrift is the lever through which this war-worn world is to be stabilized, for neither the nation nor the individual can get back to a rational basis so long as the desire to indulge in reckless spending controls it. "Work and save" should be the slogan of the rising generation, for upon the character of those now entering upon man's estate depends the future of this nation.

PLAN TO GROW STONE FRUITS

First Separate Stones From Flesh and After Seeds Have Dried Pack Them in Sand.

The customary method of growing stone fruits from seed is first to separate the stones from the flesh, washing the seed, if necessary, to separate as completely as possible the stones from the flesh. Then, after the seeds have been dried for a few hours, mix them with eight times their bulk of sand and put them away in a jar or crock in the cellar until cold weather. Then wet the sand slightly and bury the jar or crock outside just below the surface of the ground. The following April plant the seed in rows at a depth of about three-quarters of an inch.

STRAWBERRIES NEED MULCH

Clean Straw, Leaves, Swamp Hay and Other Material Free From Seeds, Are Best.

Strawberries should be mulched with clean straw, leaves, swamp hay or other similar material which is free from weed seeds. Cover the plants two or three inches deep after the ground freezes and weight it down to prevent its being blown off by the wind. Corn stover or hen's manure may be used in the absence of other material.

SELL ALL SURPLUS POULTRY

Cockerels Especially Should Be Marketed Just as Fast as Possible in Summer Months.

Surplus cockerels, especially, should be marketed just as fast as possible all summer. Unless you have a strong demand worked up for your stock for breeding purposes, it is impossible to hold them any length of time and make money on them.

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- One lot Men's Silk Hose, \$1.00 value, for 69c
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- Coffee, Ready Cash ground coffee, value 40c, special 24c
- One lot Men's Dress Shirts, value up to \$2.00, special \$1.19

- One lot Ladies' Hose, 25c value, for 12c
- One lot Ladies' Buster Brown Silk Hose, \$2.00 value, for \$1.29
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