

CONCRETE ROAD FROM FOUR MILLS TO ROCKINGHAM

MILLS, COUNTY AND TOWN SHOULD GET TOGETHER ON PROPOSITION TO BRING ALL THREE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY BY MEANS OF CONCRETE ROAD, STARTING AT ROBERDEL NO. 2, AND RUNNING THROUGH HANNAH PICKETT, ENTWISTLE, AND LEAK MILL VILLAGES TO ROCKINGHAM. DOUBLE DAILY FREE DELIVERY OF MAIL THEN. A ROAD THAT WOULD BENEFIT THOUSANDS. TOTAL COST AROUND \$90,000 DIVIDED BETWEEN FOUR MILLS, TOWN AND COUNTY.

The dream of a concrete road beginning at Roberdel Mill No. 2 and coming to Rockingham is not nearly as idle a one as might be supposed—and if the thousands who will be affected by such a road will only make their wishes KNOWN and FELT, it can be made a reality in short order.

The plan which has been suggested and which the POST-DISPATCH is herewith submitting to public consideration, is this:

For the concrete road, 18 feet wide, to start at Roberdel Mill No. 2, with Roberdel Mfg. Co. paying for the cost to Hannah Pickett village; for H. P. Mill to pay to Entwistle village; for Entwistle Mills to pay to Leak Mill village, and for Leak Mills to pay to the edge of its village, where the County would take up the cost. This would perhaps entail a total cost of \$50,000—divided among the four mills, and no one doubts for a moment that either of the four would hesitate or be backward in gladly paying its proportionate part.

The distance from Roberdel No. 2 mill to the edge of Hannah Pickett village is two-tenths of a mile. From Hannah Pickett to Entwistle village line is six-tenths. From Entwistle to Leak mill line three-tenths. From Leak mill line to the edge of its property, four-tenths—or a total of one and a half miles for the four mills. From the Leak mill line on Watson Heights to the town limits at the Seaboard depot is eight-tenths of a mile, making the total distance from Seaboard depot to Roberdel mill 2.3 miles.

Now the distance the County would have to grade and pave, if the proposed overhead bridge is adopted, would be approximately five-tenths of a mile, bringing the mills about two-tenths of a mile nearer the courthouse than the present road through Watson Heights.

So much for the distances of the road. Now back to the Leak mill line, to which point the four mills would bring the road.

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ONLY 5000 KLUCKERS PAYING

JUDGE GRADY CORRECT IN SAYING HE RECEIVES NO SALARY FROM K. K. K. POST-DISPATCH HEARS THAT ONLY 20 OUT OF 75 CHAPTERS ARE PAYING DUES. ONLY 5,000 NOW PAY INSTEAD OF 30,000. WILL DIE A NATURAL DEATH.

From common report, the POST-DISPATCH is now convinced that Judge Grady was correct in saying that he was receiving no funds as Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan of North Carolina.

There are supposed to be around 75 chapters, or Klans, in this State, with a membership of 30,000. Each member is supposed to pay 25cents per quarter, or \$1 a year, this as a Grand Dragon tax or assessment. The Grand Dragon was supposed to get this, which would give him a salary.

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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

The executive committee of the Republican party of Richmond county met in Rockingham this (Thursday) afternoon, at the call of the Chairman, J. F. Stafford, and named Monday night, Feb. 18th, at 7:30 at the courthouse as time and place for holding the County Convention. Due notice of this is elsewhere in the POST-DISPATCH.

The precinct meetings will be held Thursday night, Feb. 14th, at 7:30 in the various precincts.

DENTIST HAS PNEUMONIA.

Dr. C. C. Steele is confined to his room at the home of Mr. R. R. Simmons with pneumonia; this having developed Tuesday. His fever was 105 Wednesday night, but is lower today and he is getting along nicely. Miss Dowd, of High Point, is his nurse.

TURKEYS 32½c PER LB.

The Curb Market will have turkeys on sale Saturday, Feb. 9th, for one day only, at 32½c per lb. Orders can be given me.

Mrs. Anna Lea Harris, Home Dem. Agent.

GINNING TO JAN. 16TH.

The number of bales of cotton ginned in Richmond county to January 16th., for the 1923 crop, amounted to 20,277 bales. This compares with 15,569 to the same date last year.

This is the last ginning report to be issued until the final Government report about March 20th. Between the 16th of January and final ginning report in March last year there were 54 bales ginned in this county. However, it is expected there will be perhaps 200 bales yet to gin, which will probably bring the total crop for the county to 20,500.

64 AND BUT 15 BIRTHDAYS.

John R. Courtney, of Atlanta, is one of those unfortunate men whose birthday is celebrated only on Leap Year. He is 64 years old, but has had but 15 birthdays. He had no birthday from 1896 to 1904.

Any one in Richmond county born on Feb. 29th?

DR. WEBB HAS OPERATION.

Dr. W. P. Webb underwent an operation by Dr. Scruggs at the Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte last Sunday afternoon, for appendicitis. His friends back home will be glad to know he is getting along nicely and should return here within two weeks.

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R'HAM CIVITAN CLUB ORGANIZED

CLUB ORGANIZED AT ROCKINGHAM, AND CHARTER PRESENTED AT BANQUET LAST FRIDAY NIGHT. ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE INTERESTS OF TOWN AND COUNTY. OFFICERS ELECTED. CLUB FUNCTIONS. MEMBERS WANTED.

The Rockingham Civitan Club was formally organized last Friday night with about 25 charter members, in the dining room of the Rockingham Hotel, where a good supper was served.

The Civitan is a National Organization, with the object of promoting good fellowship among the members, and advancing the interests—religious, moral and commercial—of the town and county in which such a club is located.

The need of some active organization for pushing forward the com-

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DERBY AND OSBORNE FARMERS

The farmers of the Derby section are requested to meet the Co. Agt. and Paul W. Mack, of the Cotton Marketing Association, next Monday at the Derby school, Feb. 4th, at 7:30 p. m.

Farmers of the Osborne section will meet us at the Osborne school, Feb. 7th, at 7:30 p. m.

W. H. BARTON.

BANKER KILLS A BIRD.

Banker, Cotton Mill President and Ex-Senator W. L. Parsons is not one to be accused of vain-gloriousness; nor is he given to a spirit of bragadocio. On the contrary, he is self-conscious, rather than otherwise.

But for the past few days he has borne quite a prideful air, and to more than one has he confided quite a feat—he killed a partridge on the last day of the hunting season, last Friday. He and young Watt were hunting; a covey of birds arose; three shots were fired; three birds fell—and Mr. Parsons is morally sure one belonged to him. And Watt is too dutiful and loyal to dispute it.

BIRDS AT \$1.00 EACH.

Hugh McDougald, down in lower Wolf Pit, acquired ten partridges one day last week, across the State Line, at \$1.00 per bird. And Hugh does not rate as a multi-millionaire.

SHOT MAN IN FOOT.

Tom Robinson, colored, was lodged in jail Tuesday by Chief Covington on the charge of shooting John Cole, also colored, in the foot Saturday night at the Jenkins Covington boarding house on Greene street. John is not much hurt, and will be able to attend a hearing for Tom in a few days. Tom, as usual, insists it was an accident.

KITCHEN SHOWER AT SCHOOL.

The "kitchen shower" planned for Friday night by the Parent-Teachers Association is postponed to Friday night-week, Feb. 8th. It will be at the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock. Light refreshments will be observed and a program rendered. No admission—every one in the town and community cordially invited to come whether you bring any kitchen articles or not.

The Grammar Grade Association is given an especial invitation. Donations are desired of any articles of kitchen ware—saucers, tumblers, bowls, pitchers, spoons and forks. And especially do the children need trays for the lunches.

So rake out the old things, you housekeepers, and come or send them to the "shower" Feb. 8th.

CONTRACT LET TODAY FOR RIVER BRIDGE AND ROAD

CONTRACT AWARDED TODAY AT RALEIGH FOR ERECTION OF CONCRETE 1685-FOOT BRIDGE ACROSS PEE DEE RIVER, AND 6.25-MILE GRADED ROAD FROM ROCKINGHAM TO RIVER. TO BE HARD SURFACED BEFORE BRIDGE IS COMPLETED. REQUIRE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE BRIDGE.

Plans in Process of Formation for Making Standard Gravelled Road From Montgomery County Line to South Carolina Line. Splitting County North and South.

The POST-DISPATCH is in receipt this (Thursday) afternoon just before going to press of the very welcome news from Raleigh that the State Highway Commission has today let the contract for a concrete bridge across the Pee Dee river, and for grading a road from Rockingham to the river.

Ellerbe Road

While the East and West road is being taken care of, the road from the Montgomery county line to the South Carolina line—North and South—is not forgotten. Mr. Everett informs this paper that he has the matter of this road now for consideration with Commissioner Wilkinson and that something definite about this road will shortly be forthcoming.

The roadway will be 46.8 feet above ordinary water, and 26 feet above the high water of 1908, which was the biggest flood on record.

It will require approximately 18 months to two years to complete the bridge.

The Road.

The road, for which the contract was let today, will start at West Rockingham, at Hitchcock creek, and is 6.25 miles long. The contract for just the grading is let now, because it has been found that where almost

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NEW ROUTE STARTS

New R. F. D. Starts From Rockingham Feb. 1st. Known as Route 6. J. A. Dawkins Temporary Carrier. Traverses Section East of Rockingham.

The new R. F. D., known as Route 6, that Postmaster Long and the POST-DISPATCH so vigorously fought for some weeks ago, will go into effect tomorrow, Feb. 1st.

On January 26th a Civil Service examination was held at the graded school here to secure a Carrier, and eight men took the examination. It generally requires from two to three months for the results of such an examination to be known, and the eligible list certified.

In the meantime, Postmaster Long has appointed J. A. Dawkins, son of Alec Dawkins, of West Rockingham, to carry the mail as temporary Carrier.

The new Route is 25 miles long, and covers that large section east of Rockingham. The Route goes out of Rockingham by the hard surface road, and leaves same at the creek one mile from Hamlet.

DRIVING CAR WHILE DRUNK.

Dewey Pearson, white, of the Osborne section, will be given a hearing before Magistrate J. M. Smith at Rockingham next Tuesday at 11 o'clock on the charge of driving a car while intoxicated. It is alleged he ran into W. J. Butler on the Hoffman highway Jan. 19th and injured him. His bond is \$300.

IS IT A LIVE PAPER?

Kind Reader, will you glance through every page of this paper, beginning carefully with this front page, and read? And if you do, we unhesitatingly say we know what your verdict will be—that it is a cracking good LOCAL TOWN and COUNTY paper.

If it happens, you can depend on finding it in the POST-DISPATCH.

JUDGE SHAW HEAVY HANDED.

Judge Shaw Imposed Total of 34 Years in Prison and Road Sentences in Wadesboro Recently. Judge Ray's Record was 30 Years at Rockingham. Judge Shaw to Hold Richmond County April 7th Term.

Judge Thos. J. Shaw believes in punishment for crime, and yet he tempers mercy with justice. Inasmuch as Judge Shaw is to hold the April 7th term of Richmond county criminal Court, his sentences recently in Anson county, at Wadesboro, will be of interest. His total road sentences amounted to 22 years and 11 months; and his penitentiary sentences were 11 years. Also, the fines were not inconsiderable.

POST-DISPATCH readers will recall that at the recent Dec. 31st term of Richmond county Court, with Judge J. Bis Ray presiding, the total road sentences amounted to 204 months, and prison sentences 156 months.

Last fall Judge A. M. Stack presided at Richmond county Courts, but his sentences were mostly of the self-starter type.

Judge Shaw is particularly stern upon those convicted of carrying concealed weapons, stealing autos and selling and making liquor.

2,950 CARS IN COUNTY.

According to the 1923 registration of cars with the Secretary of State, as of January 1st, there were 2,950 autos registered from Richmond county. In the whole State there were more than 248,000.

The figures for neighboring counties are as follows:

Richmond	2,950
Stanly	2,614
Anson	2,309
Montgomery	1,617
Union	2,983

Gulford leads with 13,790 cars, and Graham is the tail end with but 82. Forsyth is second, Mecklenburg third, and Wake fourth.

GAME TOURNAMENT

Game Tournament Next Monday Night at Graded School Benefit Milk Fund. Admission 50c. Refreshments.

The general public may not realize this, but the Grammar Grade Association of the Rockingham school pays out an average of \$32 each month for milk that is given free to the school children. There is no way for this expense to be met other than from the public. The women give their work and time in serving this milk each morning at the school, and do so cheerfully. The results being obtained are really astonishing—children that were under normal, "coming out" almost in a night.

To get some funds, the Association is to have a Game Tournament at the graded school auditorium next Monday night, Feb. 4th, at 8 o'clock. The admission is 50c, or \$2 for a reserved table. Refreshments will be served, but no extra charge for this.

The public is cordially invited. Tickets can be secured by phoning any of the committee. Reservations are desired. Any game can be played—Rook, "42" or whatnot. So keep Monday night in mind, and come to this Tournament, enjoy yourself and be assured you are really helping undernourished children. The committee consists of Mrs. W. F. Long, Jr., Mrs. Jno. L. Everett, Mrs. T. R. Helms, Mrs. J. R. McLendon and Mrs. Russell Ford.

86 AND ENJOYS PAPER.

Mrs. S. M. Stogner is a new subscriber of the POST-DISPATCH this week. She will be 87 next August, and yet can read her paper and takes a keen interest in the current local news that appears each week in this home paper. We trust she will continue in good health; she had a severe fall a year or so ago, which confines her to the house.

ARE YOU A GOOD HUSBAND?

If your family was left fatherless, would your wife and children be helpless and destitute? Would they have to depend upon charity and assistance from relatives and friends?

Would they have to undergo suffering and hardship because you had not taken the precaution to insure your life; suffering is the more pitiful because it is so easily avoidable.

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Insure yourself today. You cannot tell what tomorrow will bring.

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People Who Saved and Banked

have plenty of New Year money to spend right now. Those who didn't save may find it difficult to spend.

Begin now to save for Christmas, 1924. Put it in this Bank and forget to draw it out.

If you save for Christmas you will also save for other purposes. Saving is a mighty good habit.

The Richmond County Savings Bank