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The Gap In 1-85

Congressman Horace Kornegay, urging that the missing link of Interstate Highway 85 between Henderson and Durham be expedited, says that "it should be considered as one of the most needed links of interstate highway in our state and its construction should be expedited as much as possible."

Commenting on the statement, The Durham Morning Herald says, "The gap in I-85 not only is one of the most needed links in the interstate highway system in North Carolina; it is the most needed link."

Thousands of persons from Northeastern North Carolina, from Elizabeth City to Durham, as well as scores of truck drivers and fleet owners, will agree with that statement.

One driving from Henderson to Durham is both annoyed and impressed with the large number of trucks one meets and follows on this stretch of road. Textiles from Burlington, Greensboro and other Piedmont cities are trucked over this road as is tobacco from Greensboro and Durham.

The highway winds around hills and up and down hill, and one getting behind one of these trucks or a slow driver is held back, sometimes mile after mile, waiting an opportunity to pass. When a stretch of road opens up, in the majority of cases oncoming traffic blocks any passing effort. Usually traffic is heavy on this road, and while highway counters may relate the number of vehicles using the road, they

give no idea of the density of traffic caused by passing hazards.

Of course, this bothers northbound and southbound traffic which must use this road, but the link is more than just a link in an interstate system linking Virginia and South Carolina. It is also the link over which motorists using Route 158 from Elizabeth City to Durham must travel to reach Duke University and the University of North Carolina. During football games at either institution the road truly becomes a mess. But even in summer the link is bad.

Because this is so, the question of completing the link in the highway becomes something of interest to more than the people of Durham and the truckers. It is of concern to motorists in Warren County, and in every northeastern North Carolina county. We would like to see newspapers and others in this tier of counties launch a campaign for the early completion of the link.

After stating that the link is the most needed link in the interstate system, The Herald continues:

With the filling in of this gap North Carolina would have a truly interstate highway—running from north to south and connecting with other fine dual-lane highways to all the populous areas of the state.

Yet this stretch of highway has been inexplicably delayed. Only a few weeks ago it had no status at all; no plans existed for completing it. Now it at least has official status: work on it won't begin for a long time yet. If present plans are followed actual work, not including right-of-way acquisition, will not begin until 1967 and will be completed in 1971. Since the federal interstate highway program expires in 1972, the Highway Commission, then, is delaying this road as long as it can.

The need for the construction of this part of the highway existed before the decision of the federal government to locate a large psychiatric hospital at Camp Butner, but the hospital will add to the need. During construction of the hospital and afterward an additional heavy load of traffic on the present highway may be expected. An already inadequate highway will become grossly inadequate.

It is strange that though I-85 can be completed with the federal government paying 90 per cent of the cost there has been continued delay. With bargains of this sort available, one would expect the state to bestir itself to the utmost to get on with construction.

Looking Backward Into The Record

August 2, 1957

The County Commissioners on Monday adopted a budget calling for a tax rate of \$1.65, up 10c from the 1956-57 rate.

The Hospital Auxiliary of the Warren General Hospital opened its Snack Bar and Gift Shop in the hospital on August 1.

Town Commissioner A. C. Blalock, Mrs. Blalock and three children, Al, Anne and John, returned to Warrenton Sunday after camping a week at the Kerr Reservoir.

Messrs. W. L. Wood and Lee Riggan spent the weekend in Baltimore and Washington, D. C., where they saw several big league ball games.

August 1, 1952

Frank Banzet, late Mayor of Warrenton, was sworn in Thursday morning as assistant United States Attorney before Federal Judge Don Gillam in Raleigh.

Jim Hundley of Norlina was named temporary chairman of the N. C. Farm Bureau enlarged dairy committee at a meeting of the committee in Greensboro on Monday.

The contract for the new Methodist Parsonage in Norlina has been let to Contractor W. O. White.

A heavy wind and rain storm caused severe damage in Warrenton on Tuesday night during which the walls of Thompson's Warehouse—under construction—were blown down.

July 30, 1937

Warrenton's new postoffice opened for business on Monday.

The old rock quarry located near the home of W. D. Rodgers has been rented by the State Highway Commission.

Directors of the Warrenton Golf Club are seeking to raise funds to buy the property on which the golf links are located from Miss Selma Katzenstein.



GARDEN TIME

M. E. Gardner
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What about mulches? What are some of the advantages? Disadvantages? Let's see what we can learn about mulches, objectively.

Nature mulches the roots of plants with fallen leaves. This means that no cultivation is practiced where plants grow naturally. The forest floor is a good example. Moisture is conserved and plant foods are manufactured due to the decomposition of organic matter. Soil is conserved by the prevention of erosion.

Under these mulches, whether natural or man-made, many things happen. Chemical change is taking place. Bacteria by the billions play a part, as do the fungi. Moisture is necessary for all life processes. Good soil is teeming with living things and we who live on the soil are dependent upon its good performance.

I guess that we could agree, then, that the use of mulches is one method of duplicating natural processes by providing a happy soil environment in the flower, vegetable and fruit gardens. Now let's see why this is true by reviewing some of the advantages of mulching.

Probably the greatest advantage of a mulch is the conservation of moisture. Evaporation is greatly reduced by protecting the soil from the direct rays of the sun and from air movement. Raindrops are quickly absorbed and the soil is protected from compaction. Erosion, the greatest enemy of our soils, is prevented. Mulches are especially helpful during prolonged periods of hot dry weather.

Don't expect a mulch to control weeds completely. It will help, especially with the annuals. Where pre-emergence sprays are used to control weeds, the mulch is more effective.

The soil temperature is reduced under a good mulch. This is of material help because home beneficial soil micro-organisms are not happy under high soil temperature conditions. Neither are tender roots near the surface.

The decomposition of most mulches improve soil structure, favors water absorption and aeration of the root zone. Mulches in the apple orchard prevent bruising of dropped fruit and keep ripening strawberries clean by preventing the splashing of soil and sand. Mulches also prevent heaving of the soil during winter freezes.

While the advantages of mulches far outweigh the disadvantages, a few of the latter might be mentioned: The fire hazard—a match or cigarette carelessly dropped in pine

needles, grain straw or leaves may destroy all you have tried to accomplish. Mice may be more troublesome under mulches but can be controlled by ground sprays or baits. This is the one you want to watch for—nitrogen starvation.

The more woody or fibrous the mulch the greater the need for nitrogen to decompose it by favorable bacterial action. The bacteria are going to get their share of the nitrogen supply first and the leaves may turn yellow on the plants unless the supply for both the nitrifying bacteria and the plants. This is not difficult to adjust if you use good judgment.

Mulching materials: peat moss, sawdust, pine straw, grain straws, ground corn cobs, peanut hulls, shredded hardwood bark, softwood bark, composted leaves and plastic film.

An effort has been made to discuss some of the basic principles involved in the use of mulches rather than recommend which material to use. It is hoped that, whether you live in Manteo or Murphy, you can select the mulch best suited to provide a happy environment for your plants.

Elberon News

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Aycock visited Mr. Lewis People and Mr. Morton Aycock in Warren General Hospital on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Aycock and daughter of Maryland were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Mustian. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards of Middleburg were their dinner guests on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kinton and children spent the weekend at Kure Beach. Miss Lula Short and Mrs. Doug Freeman of Richmond, Va., were weekend guests of Miss Laura Short and Mrs. Florence Dryden. Mrs. Ada Lee Howard and children of Henderson visited them during the weekend.

Miss Peggy Collins of Raleigh, Mr. Richard Wilkes of Santa Maria, Calif., and Mrs. Elizabeth Kinker of Henderson were weekend guests of

Mrs. T. H. Aycock. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Jones were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Roberson on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Adcock of Norlina visited Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Limer on Sunday. Mrs. Walter Carter and Bonnie were their dinner guests.

Mrs. James Short and Mrs. M. C. Duke visited Mrs. Irene Short in Embro on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. James Short and Wayne were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Faulkner in Henderson on Tuesday.

Picnic To Be Held At Prospect Church

A fellowship picnic supper will be held at Prospect Methodist Church at Embro on Sunday, August 5, at 8 o'clock, with the regular worship service following at 7 o'clock.

The public is invited to attend both the picnic and the service. Those attending the picnic are asked to bring baskets.

Minister Studies Care Of The Sick

The Rev. James Milton Pitts, pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church on Route 1, Norlina, is one of 20 seminary students enrolled in a special eight-week course in pastoral care of the sick at North Carolina Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem. The class will complete the course on September 7.

The Rev. Mr. Pitts is in his senior year at Southeastern Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

Marriage Licenses

Virginia F. Watkins, white, of Richmond, Va., to Stuart C. Andrews of Richmond, Va.

Wilhelmina Kearney, colored, of Warrenton to Stephen Thomas Alston, Jr., of Macon, Ga. Patricia Ann Brazil, white, of East Boston, Mass., to James Edward West of Rt. 3, Warrenton.

Clara Lee Jiggett, colored, of Norlina, to Richard Lee Hargrove of Norlina.

Norma Jean Horton, white, of Richmond, Va., to James F. Bryant of Richmond, Va. Joyce Eileen Vogel, white, of Geneseo, N. Y., to Carl Burton Hammond of Rochester, N. Y.

Elizabeth Russell, colored, of Manson to John Frank Kersey of Manson.

Mrs. H. E. Coleman, Mrs. Marion C. Perry and Marshall Perry were in South Hill, Va.,

on Monday. Mrs. Jake Kimball has returned to her home in Manson after visiting Mrs. L. W. Perkins in Wise for several days last week.

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