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East Needs Roads

Governor Charles B. Aycock some 60 years ago in pleading for better educational advantages for Negroes said, "Let not North Carolina be the first state to make the weak helpless."

This remark could well be paraphrased in regard to Eastern North Carolina today in a state highway policy that tends to make the weak helpless. It may make sense to base highway mileage on traffic counts, population density, and other criteria, but its application tends to make Eastern North Carolina, weakened by an agricultural revolution and desperately struggling for factories, even weaker. Piedmont North Carolina may need good road to carry its traffic, but Eastern North Carolina must have better roads to develop its economy.

Under the yard stick used by the Highway Department practically every modern highway in the state—the four-lane type is to be found in the Piedmont, with only a few miles in the east as a part of an interstate highway program.

We find, according to the press, 70

per cent of highway funds of the 5th district being spent in Wake County, and a 30-mile length of interstate highway between Henderson and Durham, important to Eastern North Carolina's public which must travel to the educational centers and hospital centers at Durham and Chapel Hill, as well as to other sections of the Piedmont, postponed for years, while more four-lane highways are built in the Piedmont.

That is what we find on the west. On the east we find the same policy in regard to interstate 95. This highway is to be completed to Roanoke Rapids this spring, but the completion of the link between Rocky Mount and Roanoke Rapids is to be postponed until 1972, while traffic is to be sent over 301, already described as a death trap.

"The traffic problem on U.S. 391 above Rocky Mount is already 'ridiculous' and is expected to soon become 'impossible,'" State Rep. Thorne Gregory of Halifax stated in a newspaper interview with Charles Dunn at Scotland Neck last week.

Gregory maintained that U.S. 301 is the "most heavily traveled road in Eastern North Carolina and is practically a death trap between Rocky Mount and the (Virginia) state line." The situation will worsen in the spring when another link of Interstate 95 is opened from the Virginia line to Weldon, he said. This additional traffic will be channelled through Weldon and down U.S. 301 until it runs back into I-95, he pointed out.

In the olden days a town or a section could be made or ruined by the location of a highway. In this modern day a section can be made or broken by the location of the state's highways. Eastern North Carolina needs better highways if it is to develop with the rest of the state, and we feel that the State Highway Commission's thinking should be adjusted towards this end.

NEWS OF FIVE, TEN, 25 YEARS AGO

Looking Backward Into The Record

February 7, 1958

J. Ed Knot, Roanoke Rapids attorney, announced this week that he would be a candidate for district solicitor.

James W. Gore, 23-year-old native of Tabor City, yesterday began his duties as vocational teacher at John Graham High School, succeeding C.H. Swan, resigned.

The Warren County ASC office has received an allocation of \$157,174 to be used for the Soil Bank Acreage Reserve. The Warrenton Lions Club will hold its annual Ladies' Night on Feb. 13, it was learned this week.

February 6, 1952

W.A. Miles was elected President of the Warrenton Chamber of Commerce at its annual dinner meeting last Friday night.

Raby L. Traylor was elected president of the Norlina Supermarket, Inc., at an organizational meeting held at Norlina on Friday night.

The Boosters' Club had a barbecue supper on Wednesday night at Thomas Pinnell's Cabin near Afton with 73 attending.

Dr. B.L. Carraway of Warrenton attended the 15th annual conference of the North Carolina State Veterinarian Medical Association at State College, Raleigh, last week.

February 4, 1938

The Warrenton Lions Club will again sponsor a Merchants' Show here in the spring, it was announced this week.

The senior class of John Graham High School will present "The Patsy," by Barry Connors, on Feb. 18-19, it was announced this week.

The Warren County ABC Board turned into the county general fund this week the sum of \$15,500.

Farmers who participated in the 1937 program in Warren County are expected to receive \$150,000, Bob Bright, county agent, said this week.

B.P. Terrell Funeral Held On Tuesday

HENDERSON — Benjamin Pettis Terrell, 53, business and civic leader, died early Monday in Maria Parham Hospital following a week's illness. He became ill early in a business trip, and was brought to the hospital here. He had been in ill health for several years.

Mr. Terrell was born in Warrenton, March 25, 1909, the son of Mrs. Eleanor Terrell Rodwell and the late Benjamin P. Terrell. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Henderson, was formerly a deacon and was superintendent of the Intermediate Department of the Sunday School, and had been president of the Kittrell Baraca Class.

He had served six terms as a member of the Henderson City Council, was a past president of the Henderson Lions Club, member of Henderson Lodge No. 229 of the Masons, Henderson Chapter No. 54, Henderson Commandery No. 15 and of Sudan Temple of the Shrine. He was active in youth work.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Gladys Hithcock Terrell; one daughter, Susan, of the home; two sons, Alva Lee Terrell of Winston-Salem and Andrew Page Terrell of the home; one grandchild; his mother, Mrs. Eleanor Terrell Rodwell of Warrenton; three sisters, Mrs. Donald S. Morris of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Edith Parent of Miami, Fla., and Mrs. Harry Howard of Atlanta, Ga.; three brothers, Simon of Chapel Hill, Charles Lee of Raleigh and Richard J. Terrell of Berlin, Md.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the First Baptist Church with burial in Elmwood Cemetery. Officiating were Dr. W. W. Leathers, Jr., the pastor, and Dr. E. Norfleet Gardner, a former pastor.

Burial Services For Mrs. King Held Here

Last rites for Mrs. Oline B. King of New Bern were conducted at Christ's Episcopal Church at New Bern on Monday morning with the Rev. Charles C. Williams and the Rev. J. E. Sharpe officiating. Interment followed in Fairview Cemetery in Warrenton on Monday afternoon.

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The Pastor's Paragraph

By REV. A. T. AYSUCE

A Scottish doctor died. In his books certain accounts were found, across which there was written in red ink "forgiven—too poor to pay." Sometime later his widow, finding these accounts unpaid, and feeling that she needed the money, sued the debtors. When the case was called up in court, the judge asked the widow if the words in red ink were in her husband's handwriting. When she replied that they were, the judge said, "Then there is not a court in the world that would uphold your claim since your husband, to whom the money was owing, has himself written 'forgiven.'"

What a wonderful illustration this is of what God in Christ has done for everyone who will accept Him as Lord. We could not erase our debt of sin but Christ through His death for us has written in His blood, "forgiven—too poor to pay!"

Members of the Brownie Troop of the Warrenton Presbyterian Church met at the church on Monday afternoon with Mrs. W. K. Lanier, Jr., and Mrs. Walter White, leaders. Members received their troop numbers and were divided into two groups with one group in charge of painting trash cans and the other making puppets. Ice cream was served by Mrs. Ayscue—Alice Pinnell, Scribe.

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Brownie Scouts Meet At Church

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Organizational Meeting
A meeting for the purpose of organizing a stamp club for this area will be held at Needham's Animal Hospital on the Raleigh Road at Henderson on Monday evening, Feb. 11, at 7:30. Interested persons are invited to attend. Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Blaylock attended the funeral of Mrs. Eugene Danner in Courtney last Thursday.

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STOREWIDE SAVINGS

With Some Envy

The News and Observer

At 89 with 96 trips to court behind him, old man Wisner Balthrop was "shouting and dancing a jig on the sidewalk" beside the Post Office when the policeman arrested him for public drunkenness.

Mr. Balthrop is a disturbing item in our humanity. Many will feel "ah, the pity of it" about this old fellow. Others will shake their heads over a society which can think of nothing to do with our Balthrops, young and old, except to repeatedly pull them into court and send them for short stretches on the roads. But Mr. Balthrop is really most disturbing because at the end of a long and considerably misspent life he can still dance a jig.

Obviously this is a more serious affront to society than public drunkenness. We live in an age much concerned about the tender treatment of our senior citizens. We also live in an age in which, while health propaganda may make it possible for more of us to become senior citizens, it fills us with fears that we may not. In a dangerous time in a variety of ways we are urged to live our lives thriftily and carefully. And here's old man Balthrop who has not only broken the laws but all the rules and is still dancing a jig and almost outrunning a young cop.

The judge was wise in turning the old fellow loose. Justice had no therapy in this case. Perhaps next time old man Balthrop is too gay on a street corner he should not be cited to court but given a citation. Maybe he does not deserve our honor but in a world solemnly studying survival he does deserve our "miration."

Adam's Legacy

San Mateo (Calif.) Times

There is something of the gardener in all men, as befits descendants of Adam, and wherever they go, however barren the land, they try to make green things grow.

It was this instinctive challenge which led scientists at the South Pole station in Antarctica to plant seeds. And there, under the glow of fluorescent lamps and a tungsten bulb, a garden blooms, bright with marigolds and green with ivy.

The polar garden has become an important part of the lonely life at the station. As one scientist says, "It's like home, an earthy green smell—you know what I mean?"

Anyone who has been long without greenery knows exactly what he means. Doubtless, when man reaches the moon, one of the first things he'll do is plant a garden.

The Tuition Is Costly

Girl

If you've learned to understand women, you've probably paid for the lessons.

Aggravating Papa

Denver Post

There's nothing wrong with teen-agers that trying to reason with them won't aggravate.

What the country needs is dirtier fingerprints and cleaner minds.—Will Rogers.