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## GOOD ROAD BILL FOR PERSON COUNTY

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That for the purpose of building, grading and constructing of macadam, gravel, soil, sand clay or other material, and otherwise improving and maintaining the public roads in Person county, the Board of Commissioners of said county is hereby authorized, empowered and directed, and it shall be its duty to submit to the voters of said county, as soon after the ratification of this act as practicable, upon petition made to it signed by two hundred fifty qualified voters of said county, the question of issuing bonds to an amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars.

Section 2. That the Board of County Commissioners shall fix the date for holding the election for the purpose of voting on said bond issue, and shall name the registers and judges of election for the voting precincts of said county, and give notice of said election for at least thirty days prior to the date thereof in some newspaper published in Person county; and that said election shall be otherwise conducted in all respects as is now provided for holding elections for members of the General Assembly and other county officers, and said county commissioners may or may not order a new registration for said election. The votes shall be counted at the close of the polls, and a return thereof made to the said Board of Commissioners on Thursday next following said election, all of which shall be recorded in the minutes of the said Board of County Commissioners, and no other reading or declaring of the results shall be necessary. That at said election the voters shall vote a ticket written or printed thereon "For Road Improvement Bonds" or "Against Road Improvement Bonds"; that if a majority of the votes cast at said election shall be in favor of the said issue, then the Central Highway Commission of Person county, which is hereinafter provided for, shall sell the said bonds herein authorized, after thirty days' advertisement, at public auction to the highest bidder at the court-house door in Roxboro, N. C.; and in the event the bonds are not all thus disposed of, the said Central Highway Commission may receive sealed bids for the remainder of said issue or of such portion thereof as they may see fit to sell, and shall dispose of the said bonds as other bonds are ordinarily sold. The bonds so issued shall bear interest at the rate of not to exceed five per cent, payable the first day of July and January of each year, and shall run for a period not exceeding forty years from date of issue. The said Central Highway Commission may provide for the retirement of seventy-five thousand dollars of said bonds at the end of ten years after date of issue, seventy-five thousand dollars at the end of thirty years, and the other seventy-five thousand dollars at the end of forty years, all of this to be in the discretion of the Central Highway Commission.

Section 3. The bonds herein provided for shall be signed by the chairman of the Central Highway Commission provided for and countersigned by the register of deeds of Person county, and the seal of the said county of Person shall be placed thereon by the said register of deeds. The bonds may be issued in denominations of one hundred dollars or multiples of one hundred dollars up to one thousand dollars to suit purchasers.

Section 4. That at the time of the election hereinbefore provided for, there shall also be elected in each township in Person county three persons to be known as "Township Highway Commissioners," one of whom shall hold office until the next regular election for members of the General Assembly and for county officers, one for four years and one for six years; and thereafter one Township Highway Commissioner shall be elected at each general election by the voters of each township in Person county.

Section 5. On the first Monday after the election hereinbefore provided for, if a majority of the votes cast in said county shall be in favor of the issuing of the said road bonds, the said Township Highway Commissioners elected in each township shall meet at the court-house in Roxboro, and it shall be their duty to elect three persons to be known as the

## FAIR STOCKHOLDERS MEET Mr. J. H. Carver Re-Elected President.

Secretary Read Report Showing an Excellent Condition of the Fair Association—New Directors Elected—Also New Vice-Presidents.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Person County Fair Association was held in the directors' room of the Peoples Bank last Saturday afternoon.

The meeting was called to order by the president of the Fair Association, Mr. J. H. Carver, promptly at 1:30 p. m. The president requested Mr. L. M. Carlton to preside over the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were disposed of. A roll call of the stock was ordered by the chairman, and which showed a majority of the stock represented at this meeting. The secretary was requested to make his report. He read the report to the stockholders. Same was ordered approved. His report was also submitted to the directors sometime ago and published in the Courier. The showing was remarkable good and met the approval of the stockholders.

The election of president for the coming year resulted in the unanimous re-election of Mr. Joe H. Carver.

It was decided that the association should elect at least three vice-presidents. The following were elected: Messrs. R. W. Crumpton, Tom Jordan and T. H. Street.

Mr. J. S. Walker was also re-elected as secretary without a dissenting vote.

Mr. E. G. Long was unanimously re-elected treasurer.

The following gentlemen were elected as directors of the association for the coming year: Messrs. J. H. Carver, R. W. Crumpton, Tom Jordan, T. H. Street, J. L. Garrett, Dr. R. S. Baynes, A. P. Longha, H. C. Clayton and Nat Jordan.

Mr. Carlton stated that an effort by some of the negroes of the county had been made to see if they could not rent the fair grounds for a Negro Fair of Person county next year. The matter of renting the grounds to them was discussed at length and was finally decided by a vote to leave the matter up to the directors of the association, giving them full power to act as they saw best.

It was ordered by the stockholders that a committee be appointed to draft new by-laws for the association and to submit same at the next meeting of the stockholders.

After attending to all business, the stockholders adjourned at 3:30 p. m.

**Mr. W. K. Medernach to Leave.**  
Mr. W. R. Medernach, buyer of the Roxboro market for Ligett & Myers Tobacco Company, has handed in his resignation to his company to take effect the first of March. Mr. Medernach has represented this company on the local tobacco market for the past two seasons, and has made a large number of friends both in the county and the town of Roxboro, who will learn with regret of his decision to leave Roxboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Merdarnach will leave Roxboro about the first of March and will make Charleston, S. C., their future home.

**John Pointer Found Dead.**

Sunday morning quite a great deal of excitement prevailed when it was learned that the body of John Pointer had been found in bushes near Roxboro, and near his home. The coroner, Dr. W. A. Bradsher, was summoned at once, and after a thorough investigation it was found by the coroner that the deceased death was due to apoplexy.

Mr. Pointer had been missing some feed from his stables, and decided early Friday morning he would go out and see if he could detect anyone making way with his feed. He concealed himself in bushes near his feed, and there it is stated that he found the body of the deceased since Friday morning.

The deceased had been in ill health for the past three years. He was the son of the late Mr. Sam Pointer. He leaves three sisters and two brothers. The funeral was held Monday afternoon and was buried in the family burial grounds.

**Edgar Long Memorial Church.**  
My subject next Sunday 11 a. m., will be, "The Ethics of the Pocket Book." My subject for Sunday night is: "The Twin Brothers." We extend you a very cordial welcome to attend all our services.  
O. W. DOWD, Pastor.

## VON MACKENSEN SIX MILES FROM GALATZ

Between Braila and Galatz—Petrograd Reports Have Indicated a Virtually Unchanged Position, While Berlin Claims Have Been of Isolated Points of Vantage Along the Moldavian Frontier.

Field Marshal von Mackensen's outposts are now only six miles from Galatz, the important Rumanian port on the Danube end of the Sereth line, the Teutonic pressure having resulted in another gain, when the town of Vadeni was taken. Vadeni is only about two miles south of the Sereth river itself on the railway between Braila and Galatz.

Elsewhere along the Rumanian front the continuing battle which is being waged under unfavorable weather conditions has resulted recently in few modifications of the line.

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On the northern end of the Russian front in the Riga district the advances recently scored by the Russians appear to have been maintained in the face of heavy counter attacks by the Germans. Twice on successive days Petrograd has announced the repulse of heavy assaults by masses of troops.

Operations on the Franco-Belgian front are confined for the most part to artillery.

**Mr. R. L. Wilburn, of Hurdle Mills, N. C., Will be One of Us.**

It affords us no little sense of pleasure to chronicle the fact that Mr. R. L. Wilburn and his inestimable wife and family, will in the near future come to Roxboro to live and help us in the social and commercial upbuilding of our town.

We are sure when the above facts are known, the citizens of the town will in spirit feel, and in one accord say, welcome.

We unhesitatingly say that Mr. Wilburn is one of the most progressive and successful business men of our county, and Roxboro always needs and welcomes such. The occasion of his coming will be the firm of Wilburn & Satterfield, the junior member of the firm being Mr. M. W. Satterfield of our town, and you mark here our prediction, "Watch them grow."

They will occupy the stores formerly occupied by Clayton, Long & Long, and they will carry everything for the ladies and children in ready-to-wear dress goods, shoes, etc., and in one of the stores everything to be found in a gents furnishing department.

We are informed that the entire front of the building will be torn out and a modern front put in, also radical changes will be made on the inside of the store which will easily class it one of the best in town and one of the prettiest in the State.

We learn that they will open for business on or about the first of March. We again repeat, we welcome such men here, we welcome such enterprises. Merchants play no small part in the upbuilding of our town and county and we feel safe to predict that with prospects we have before us, there will be little excuse for foreign buying and we would respectfully point our county, with respect to merchandise, to our long standing motto, "Home first, abroad next." We welcome your enterprise Messrs. Wilburn & Satterfield and bespeak for you the success we feel you will merit.

**Announcement.**  
The Methodists are planning an interesting, all day service at Concord for Saturday. The presiding elder will preach at 11 o'clock, immediately following the sermon the pastor will install all the elective officers of the Person circuit, lunch served, and in the afternoon the first Quarterly Conference of the year will be held. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Miss Anna Rigsbee of Durham, is the guest of Mrs. C. C. Critcher this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Upchurch, of Yanceville, spent the night (Thursday) on their way from the inauguration with Mrs. L. M. Carlton, leaving for their home Friday morning. Mr. Upchurch is the law partner of Mr. Carter.

## SNOW AND ICE COATED THE SOUTHERN STATES MON- DAY NIGHT.

All Southern States with Exception of Georgia and Florida Have Coldest Weather of Winter—Streets of Roxboro Covered with Sleet and Snow Monday and Tuesday.

A thin coat of ice covered the streets of Roxboro Monday and late Monday afternoon snow began to fall and Tuesday morning the streets were covered with about two inches of snow frozen on top by the rain of Tuesday morning.

Snow and ice coated the southern states from Texas to Virginia interfering with traffic in many places, and, with the heavy fogs that shrouded some harbors, making navigation perilous.

Georgia and Florida escaped the worst rigors of the season's severest winter blast, but nearly all the other Gulf and south Atlantic states experienced snow, sleet or glaze accompanied by freezing temperatures. The weather bureau believes the storms will continue for a short time.

At Memphis the snow attained a depth of five inches, interrupting for some time street car service. At Charlotte the temperature dropped more than 20 degrees, turning a drizzling rain into ice.

Many minor accidents occurred at Norfolk, Va., because of half an inch of ice, while at Newport News fog caused many vessels to lay outside the harbor.

Northern Mississippi, eastern Arkansas and Texas suffered, the snowfall in north and central Texas being the heaviest in history.

## Person Circuit—Kindness Expressed.

I wish to have a word through the columns of your paper to the charge that I have come to serve as pastor, my wife and other friends.

I was appointed pastor of the Person circuit at the recent Annual Conference, and during the Christmas holidays I arrived with my family to take up the marked lines of duty. We left a royal, loyal people, many of them at our going, in Durham and came to Roxboro to reside, to live in the midst of a gracious people, many of whom we have personally known for many years. I have this to say of them: No preacher can ever hope to have a finer spirit shown him and family than has been manifested in so many ways toward us by many inside and outside the town. I must hasten to say I have been so happy to find here and in the country near those with whom I attended school twenty-seven years ago, and these have shown us special kindnesses, for which I am profoundly thankful. These and many others have made our sojourn thus far most pleasant. I trust in some degree at least I may prove myself worthy of their esteem and confidence by rendering a faithful and an unselfish service unto them all in the Master's name.

I have been able to meet all the congregations and minister to them in holy things. The people at each appointment have received me heartily and all have given me a glad hand. So I have preached the Gospel to them joyfully, and I trust, effectively. The ladies from different sections of the circuit met at the parsonage on Thursday afternoon of last week and planned some needed improvements to be made inside the parsonage to make more comfortable our dwelling place, and their presence and interest made us glad, as fine a body of women as we have seen gather together in many years. They came, not alone and took note of needed comforts, but they came prepared to give us a most generous "pounding." Now, you see this preacher is going to both live at home and abroad this year. At different times, others have sent in good things to eat. For all these expressions of good will we are very thankful, and we earnestly pray that our Heavenly Father may abundantly bless each donor. We shall hope to be helpful to as many people as we can throughout the entire community, so let us continue to encourage and help one another along for we pass this way but the once in life and then the final accounting. May peace, prosperity and plenty be on all the people.

**Cordially,**  
J. A. DAILEY, Pastor.

Mr. S. N. Thompson, of Leasburg, was a Roxboro visitor Saturday.

## ADMIRAL DEWEY DEAD

Secretary Daniels Also Pays Fine Tribute to the Dead Admiral.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Admiral George Dewey, hero of the battle of Manila Bay and veteran of the civil war, the foremost naval officer of the United States, died at his home here today. The naval hero went to his death quietly, his hands clasped in that of his devoted wife, who had been at his bedside throughout his fatal illness, which began a week ago.

As the president of the general board of the navy, ranking officer of the naval organization lay dying official Washington besieged the house for word of his condition. President Wilson sent to inquire as to how the naval hero was doing. Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Navy Daniels called at the house and Mrs. Daniels spent sometime with Mrs. Dewey.

Up to the last week of his life Admiral Dewey had been one of the commanding figures in Washington. Active, alert and seemingly robust, he had devoted himself with fervor and with every ounce of his energy to his duty as president of the navy general board. He had worked for years for increased naval preparedness for war, and with the general board had worked out a great program of naval extension. Despite the seventy-nine years which marked the birthday the day after Christmas day, the admiral was hale and hearty. As all officials Washington congratulated him on his apparently splendid physical condition and his great capacity for work at an informal reception at his office he told Secretary Daniels:

"I am in great condition, but I am suffering from what John Hay used to call that 'incurable disease' and do not know how long it will last."

Arrangements for Admiral Dewey's funeral were not completed last night but they will probably take the form of a great tribute by the heads of the nation to his life and achievements. He will be buried in Arlington cemetery on a slope of a hill, which overlooks the resting place of the nation's heroes.

## SOCIETY NEWS.

Of much interest to the friends here will be the announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Clyde Daughtridge to Mr. Millard F. Jones, of Rocky Mount. The announcement was made last week in a very unique manner at a party given by the bride-elect to twelve of her intimate friends. The wedding will take place in March.

Miss Daughtridge is pleasantly remembered here as having spent some time as the guest of Miss Sue Long.

At the home of Mrs. Mamie Merritt on Main street, Mrs. Henry Long was hostess to the Friday afternoon rook club and additional guests at the last appointed meeting. Six tables were arranged in the living-room and dining room for Boston Rook, after the playing a two course collation was served.

Misses Rosa and Isla Newell pleasantly entertained the Girls Club at three tables of rook Saturday afternoon, at the home of their mother, Mrs. W. H. B. Newell. After the games a delicious course of refreshments was served. Little Miss Frances Long assisted in looking after the pleasures of the guests.

## Crumpton-Hester.

Miss Lillian Crumpton and Mr. R. A. Hester were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Crumpton on Sunday evening, December 31st, 1916, at five o'clock. The home was attractively decorated for the occasion and only relatives of the bride and groom were in attendance. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Martin, of Leasburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Hester were entertained at a large and sumptuous dinner Sunday evening directly after the marriage at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Hester.

Mrs. Hester is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Crumpton of near Roxboro and is one of the most popular girls of Person county. The groom, Mr. Hester, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Hester, and is one of the most progressive young farmers in the county.

## Last Curing Brings \$268.00.

Mr. J. H. Moore, one of the very best farmers in the county, was in town this week and favored us with a pleasant call. He had just sold his last curing for which he received \$268.00. He had sold his tobacco on the Roxboro market and was decidedly well pleased with his price.

## 80 Gallon Still Captured.

Last Saturday Deputy Marshall Lifsey and sheriff Hobgood with Chief Sam Wheeler of Oxford, captured and destroyed an 80 gallon still. The still was one of the biggest captured lately, and was of the finest material right ready to begin operation. The still was found in the corner of Person and Granville counties.

## Commissioners in Session.

The county commissioners met in their regular monthly meeting last Monday morning, with all commissioners present with the exception of Mr. Daniel Long.

The general routine line of work was passed upon, no new business coming before the board. It was decided to sell two of the county's road mules. Further announcement of same will be found in another column of The Courier.

## Lifsey and Morris Capture Three Stills.

Monday was a disagreeable day for almost any kind of business, however Deputy Marshals J. F. Lifsey and E. W. Morris and Mr. Ben McBroon succeeded in capturing three stills, all within about one mile of each other. The stills were within 500 yards of Olive Branch church and were prepared to do a large business. While no one was at the stills at the time of capture the officers found about 1000 gallons of beer and seven bags of meal.

## Market Opened Strong.

The Roxboro Tobacco market opened strong after the holidays, and prices have been high all the week. All grades are selling as well and some better than they did before Christmas. All the buyers were on hand for the first sales and all seemed eager for the weed. Not as big a proportion of good tobaccos were on the sales as before the first of the year, but the market made a higher average than the close of December. Sales for last week averaged \$21.61.

## Meeting of Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Roxboro Cotton Mills was held last Saturday. A satisfactory report of the past year's work was submitted to the stockholders. It was one of the best years, financially, these mills have enjoyed. The old officers were re-elected. A quarterly dividend of 2 per cent was declared. The management of the Roxboro Cotton Mills, which includes the Longhurst mill, have made improvements in the two mills as well as in the mill villages in the past twelve months. They have also increased the pay of their employees during this time. And above all this the mills have been paying a yearly dividend of 8 per cent for the six months.

## Lewis-Clayton.

Miss Lillian Clayton and Mr. John Lewis, of Farmville, Va., were married Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Clayton, on Lamar street. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. O. W. Dowd in the presence of only the immediate relatives and a few close friends.

The parlor in which the vows were assumed was made very attractive with decorations of pink carnations, ferns and candles, the ceremony taking place before an improvised altar.

Miss Hattie Clayton played Mendelssohn's wedding march for the processional. The bride wore a traveling suit of navy blue broadcloth with accessories to match and carried a shower bouquet of sweet peas and lilies of the valley. She was attended by Mrs. R. G. Brooks as dame of honor, while Mr. Joe Lewis, as best man, accompanied the groom.

Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Lewis left on the north-bound train for Prospect, Va., where they will visit the parents of Mr. Lewis. The bride by her lovely disposition has endeared herself to many friends and will be greatly missed in her home town. The groom is connected with the N. & W. Railroad and is now located at Farmville.