

BAD ROADS CAUSE ENORMOUS LOSS

Road Supervisor Says Craven County Loses \$98,184 Annually.

MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS
Says Narrow Auto and Wagon Tires Destroy Many Roads.

R. E. Snowden, Craven county's road supervisor and civil engineer, appeared before the Board of Commissioners yesterday and made a report of the work he has accomplished since taking charge of the county roads last February.

This report, extracts of which follow, was full of interesting facts and proved of much interest to every member of the Board and the recommendations contained therein will be carried out as quickly and as soon as possible. Mr. Snowden said:

"I came to your county, to assist you in securing a system of good roads, February 10th, 1913. I found your roads in a very badly neglected condition. I have secured township maintenance foremen for all the townships except two and have promise of foremen for those, if it is decided that you are to continue to work the roads as you are doing at present. The lack of available labor and the neglected condition of the roads, made it impossible to make any progress towards getting the roads in shape until Spring.

Construction Convicts.
I found the convicts under the supervision of Mr. Provo, when I came and I find him a very efficient and capable superintendent. He gets the greatest amount of work out of the convicts with the least trouble of any convict superintendent that I have ever been associated with on road work and has his men under excellent control and is always ready and willing to carry out instructions and do anything to promote the rapid completion of his work. After I came we worked the convicts ditching and widening the Oak Road, and repairing roads in the 9th, 8th and 2nd Townships, until the camp outfit came, the middle of March. We then moved to the Vanceboro Road (via Bridgeton) and began to rebuild that road. The convicts have been steadily employed on this road since; except when working the clearing, grubbing, ditching and shaping of about five miles. There remains the deep sand just beyond Bridgeton and near Noah Fulchers to be laid.

Rebuilt Roads.
"I find that the roads already built lack uniformity in width and crown; that the roads have been worked piecemeal, instead of beginning at one end and working continuously, until each road was complete. I find that the drainage has been neglected, especially in getting the water out of the side ditches, after it has drained from the roadway.

"The roads that have not been rebuilt are too narrow, too flat, not properly drained and lack generally the essentials that go to make a good road easy to travel and easy to maintain. Most of the bridges of the county need repairing, especially the wooden structures; the steel spans and the girders need painting. Taken in a general way and considering the small amount that has been spent on these bridges, they are, due to your exceedingly competent bridge superintendent in good shape for the money expended.

"The bridges on the roads that belong to private citizens, range from fairly good to very bad; generally bad. There is a sentiment through the county that you should keep up the private bridges required by the road, as they say, is done in Lenoir and other counties. I will advise that this would go far towards securing better roads, by obtaining uniformly constructed bridges and culverts and believe that it should be done; but that it would require an act of the legislature, as has been done in other counties, for your Board to relieve the people of keeping up their private bridges.

NEGROES INJURED IN FIGHT SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

During a melee near Five Points Sunday afternoon in which several persons were implicated, Fred Davis, and Moses Spruill, colored, were painfully injured by being cut with a knife or razor. Davis' injuries were such that a physician spent more than an hour in patching him up, while Spruill escaped with less damage to his anatomy. The affair was to have been investigated by the police court yesterday afternoon but Davis was not able to be present and the case was continued for a few days.

The summer bathing drowning season has been formally opened.

PACKAGE LAW IS NOW EFFECTIVE

STANDARD SIZES FOR CONTAINERS REQUIRED UNDER NEW YORK STATUTE.

Truck growers and shippers in and around New Bern have been notified and have made arrangements to comply with the Brooks standard package law which became effective in New York last Saturday.

Several weeks ago the New York commission houses sent notices to their representatives in this section notifying them of the new law, the main features of which are contained below:

(1) Containers for Vegetables, Produce and Fruit of Standard Size—(a) A barrel shall represent a quantity of 7,056 cubic inches or be of the following dimensions: Head diameter, 17 1/8 inches; length of stave, 28 1/2 inches; bilge, not less than 64 inches outside; distance between heads not less than 26 inches. A variation of 1 1/2 per cent. above or below will be allowed, but the variation shall not be uniformly below in a test of twelve barrels taken at random.

(b) A half barrel shall represent a quantity equal to 3,528 cubic inches. A variation of 1 1/2 per cent. in the capacity above or below will be allowed, but in no case shall the variation run uniformly below in a test of twelve barrels taken at random.

(c) Containers other than barrels or half-barrels shall have the following dimensions: Two bushels, one bushel, half bushel, one peck, half peck, quarter peck, one quart, one pint and half pint.

(2) Containers for Vegetables, Produce and Fruit of Other Than Standard Size Enumerated Above—(a). When not of the size enumerated above, the barrels shall be marked with bold, broad-faced letters at least one inch in height in terms of the fractional part of the barrel. For instance, a barrel that contains three-fourths of a standard barrel shall be marked "3/4 barrel."

(b). Baskets or containers which are not of the standard size enumerated above, shall be marked in bold, broad-faced letters, at least one-half inch in height, given in terms of dry quarts, dry pints and half pints.

(c). Variation or tolerances on barrels or containers of other size than those of standard size enumerated above, the variation allowed in the next size, smaller size will be allowed, and in no case shall the variation be uniformly below in a test of six containers taken at random.

All markings of those other than standard size shall be upon the side or the top of the container and not on the bottom.

Individual shippers who send their produce direct to the New York market should observe these rules closely in order that they may avoid having their shipments refused. It would be well for those who have not received a copy of the regulations to cut this article from the Journal and reserve for future reference.

DR. KINGSBURY PASSES BEYOND

NESTOR OF NORTH CAROLINA JOURNALISM DEAD.

Wilmington, June 4.—Dr. Theodore Bryant Kingsbury, the Nestor of North Carolina journalism, died this afternoon at 3:40 o'clock, aged 85 years. He was for a number of years editor of the Wilmington Messenger, but severing his connection with the latter paper several years before its suspension some years ago. He was one of the most fluent writers in the State and when in his prime was widely quoted not only in North Carolina but throughout the South. In recent years he has lived in retirement, contributing an occasional article to the local and State papers.

NEW BERN MAN TO WED.

The Journal acknowledges receipt of the following invitation:

"Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Riggs will give in marriage their daughter, Daisy Pauline to Mr. Don W. Basnight on the morning of Wednesday the eighteenth of June at 8 o'clock, Mesic, North Carolina. The honor of your presence is requested."

Mr. Basnight is one of New Bern's most prominent young business men and is a son of Postmaster and M. S. J. S. Basnight. Miss Riggs is one of Mesic's most charming and accomplished young ladies and has a host of friends in Eastern North Carolina.

The school commencement is to be held on the end of study.

THE ROAD TAX IS INCREASED

Twenty Cents On The Hundred Dollars Will In The Future Be Paid In Craven.

HAS BEEN FIFTEEN CENTS

Road Work Discussed At Joint Meeting Of Commissioners And Magistrates.

The road tax in Craven county will in the future be twenty cents on the hundred dollars instead of fifteen cents as has heretofore been the case.

This was decided upon yesterday when the Craven county Board of Commissioners and the county Board of Magistrates met in joint session at the court house in this city.

Road work was the chief topic discussed at the meeting. The report to the Board of Commissioners by the Magistrates dealt extensively with this subject and was of much interest. The work which has been done in connection with and on the roads of Craven county during the past twelve months was told in detail. It showed that a road supervisor had been engaged at a salary of \$150 per month to superintend the work and that through his efforts the thoroughfares of the county were fast being improved.

In their report the Magistrates recommended that a physician be employed to give his entire service to the county and to place in his hands the supervision of the health of the county. This would cost about \$2,000 annually and that this amount be paid by the county school boards.

Among the other important matters taken up and recommended in the report was the building of an addition to the court house or the erection of large vaults beneath the present building, the work to cost between \$25,000 and \$35,000. Col. James A. Bryan vigorously opposed any such premeditated action on the part of the county. E. M. Green also stated that he thought any change in the building would ruin its architectural appearance and suggested that the office of the Register of Deeds, where the records are kept, be made fireproof.

At this juncture, C. D. Bradham, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, stated that the present road tax of fifteen cents on the hundred dollars was inadequate to meet expenses and recommended an increase. J. C. Thomas, Jr., moved that the road tax for the coming year be increased to twenty-five cents on the hundred dollars and seventy-five cents on the poll. This was opposed and after considerable discussion, the Board agreed to make the tax twenty cents.

Owing to the fact that the Board had so much business to transact during the day the committee from the Chamber of Commerce who were to have appeared before the Board with a request that a section of the county farm be set aside for demonstration purposes, postponed this matter until the next meeting.

WEATHER BUREAU BULLETIN

Temperature Slightly Below Seasonal In Eastern States.

Washington, June 2.—The forecast of the weather Bureau for the week, issued Sunday, is as follows:

The distribution of barometric pressure over the North American continent and the adjacent oceans is such as to indicate temperatures near or slightly below the seasonal average the coming week in Northern and Central States east of the Rocky Mountains and the far Northeast, and temperatures slightly above the seasonal average in the Gulf States and on the Pacific slope. The precipitation during the week will be local and generally below the normal.

"A disturbance that is now over the Great Lakes will move eastward and cause local rains and thunderstorms Monday in the Eastern and Southeastern States and it will be followed by rising pressure and generally fair weather for several days in the region East of the Rocky Mountains. Another disturbance will develop Tuesday or Wednesday over the Western Plateau region and move Eastward, crossing the middle West Thursday or Friday and the Eastern States near the end of the week; this disturbance will be attended by local showers and thunderstorms and be followed by cooler weather."

Death at Bridgeton.

Mrs. F. C. Brooks died yesterday at the family residence on C street in Bridgeton, aged 84 years and seven months. The funeral will take place this morning at 10 o'clock at the residence and will be conducted by Rev. R. E. Pittman of Bridgeton. The interment will be in Cedar Grove cemetery. Mrs. Brooks is survived by her husband and three sons—Nathan, Isaac and Jacob Brooks.

OSCAR A. KAFER TO BE COLLECTOR

New Bern Man to Have Charge Of The Local Customs Office.

ASSUMES DUTIES ON JULY 1

Four North Carolina Ports Have Recently Been Consolidated.

Oscar A. Kafer, formerly owner and proprietor of Kafer's bakery but who has recently sold that establishment to his brother and retired from business, has been appointed as Customs Collector at the port of New Bern and will assume his new duties on July 1.

Under a recent order the ports of Wilmington, New Bern, Beaufort and Elizabeth City have been consolidated, this change to go into effect on July 1 and after that date all the business will be transacted through the Wilmington office instead of going direct to Washington as has heretofore been the case.

At New Bern, Beaufort and Elizabeth City the offices will be kept open and the amount of business transacted through any of them will be practically the same as has heretofore been the case. B. F. Keith, who is in charge of the Wilmington office, visited New Bern and the other two ports last week and made the appointments of the collectors who will be in charge of the offices.

SURVEYING PARTY CAPTURE TWO DEER

CHASE FLEETFOOTED ANIMALS IN FASTNESS OF DISMAL SWAMP.

A deer is one of the most fleet-footed animals in the world and to be able to run one down is considered somewhat a feat, yet several men employed by the John L. Roper Lumber Company and who are now working in the Dismal Swamp at a point about fifteen miles South of Suffolk, Va., actually did this a few days ago. Not only did they capture one animal but were fortunate enough to secure two.

In a letter received last night by the Journal from Hugh Dudley who is employed as a surveyor by that company, the writer states that while surveying near that point last Saturday he and his assistants sighted two small deer on a ridge some distance from the spot at which they were working. Some member of the party jokingly suggested that they catch the animals and the men at once began pursuit.

Any one who has passed through the Dismal Swamp is familiar with the variety of ground found there and can well appreciate the efforts of the deer chasers. However, strange as it may seem, Mr. Dudley and his companions actually ran the deer down and now have them in captivity at their camp at Corapeake, N. C., and according to the contents of the letter the animals are enjoying their visit with the woodmen who so capably demonstrated their ability to "hit the grit."

B. F. Bennett of this city has purchased the store and stock of goods owned by M. L. Willis at Arapahoe and will in the future operate the establishment.

TO HAVE "MINUTE DELIVERY"

Bakery Owner To Deliver Orders In Modern Way.

Alfred A. Kafer, owner and proprietor of Kafer's bakery, has purchased from the Hyman Supply Company a Studebaker motor delivery wagon. The machine will arrive this week and as soon as it is placed in commission the patrons of his establishment will be given a "minute delivery" service.

Among the other improvements made in the establishment by Mr. Kafer is the adoption of perfectly sanitary corrugated paper shipping cases which will be used in making shipments of bread to points outside the city.

Patrick's Were Here In Force.

A belated observance of St. Patrick's Day took place last Sunday at the Pope boarding house on Middle street. To be exact, however, it was Patrick's day instead of the day of Ireland's patron saint that was observed. Guests for the day at the well known boarding place were about twenty representatives of the Clan Patrick from Grifton who had come over in automobiles. W. H. A. L. Joel and Lloyd Patrick and their families formed the party.

JOHN D. TO BUILD SCHOOL IN JAPAN

OIL KING, IT IS STATED, WILL GIVE A MILLION TO ESTABLISH IT.

NEW YORK, June 2.—Word comes from Japan that John D. Rockefeller has agreed to give \$1,000,000 to establish a Christian university in that country. According to this authority he made the offer through Dr. J. R. Mott, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who has lately been visiting Japan in the interests of the World's Christian Federation and is now on the way home to complete arrangements with Mr. Rockefeller.

Establishment of a Christian university in Japan has long been the ambition of the World's Christian Federation. Dr. Mott seems to have been sent to Japan to examine the field and to pass upon the practicability of the project. He spent some time in Tokio in consultation with the government authorities there. They viewed the plan favorably. Then a conference of missionaries was called at Seiyoken, Tsukiji, at which details were considered and assurances of cooperation pledged. The conference adopted a resolution of approval which Dr. Mott is bringing home with him.

As is known, while Dr. Mott was in Japan, President Wilson tendered him the post of American Minister to China. The Japan News says that one of his reasons for declining that office was that he felt that the university project on which he was engaged was more important than personal honors for himself and more beneficial than anything else he could do toward the promotion of good American relations in the Far East.

ARAPAOHE HAPPENINGS

Services At Bethany Church. Mr. Weaver Enlarges Business.

Arapahoe, June 2.—The Rev. John Waters of Wilson filled his regular appointment at Bethany church yesterday, morning and evening. The house was filled to its capacity.

Arapahoe was the mecca of a large number of visitors Saturday and yesterday. Every one seemed pleased with the new church building which is near completion and will be dedicated in the near future.

The Ladies' Aid Society will give an ice cream party on Saturday evening, June the 7th, at the church hall for the benefit of the church. Every one is extended a cordial invitation.

Arapahoe has an addition to its mercantile establishments. The owner of the new store is Edgar S. Weaver. Mr. Weaver started in business last December carrying a line of Christmas novelties. He found that it became necessary for him to carry an assortment of goods. He thereupon decided to open up a larger store.

F. X. Credle of Lowlands is here on a visit.

George Pipkin of Baird's Creek was here yesterday, the guest of Adam Bennett.

Miss Cassie Bennett arrived last Friday on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett. She is teaching school at Lowlands.

Mrs. J. E. Reel and Miss Emily Brinson returned home from Wilson, where they attended the commencement exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Willis of Baird's Creek were here last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brinson and family were here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Brinson of Baird's Creek were here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Brinson of Baird's Creek were here visiting relatives Saturday.

SUNDAY AND WEEK END EXCURSION RATES, NEW BERN TO WILMINGTON.

Via Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. \$1.25 Tickets sold each Sunday, limited to date of sale.

\$2.85 Tickets sold each Saturday and for forenoon trains Sunday, limited to reach New Bern returning prior to midnight Tuesday following date of sale.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD.

"The Standard Railroad of the South" T. H. BENNETT, Ticket Agent.

T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

VETERANS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Members Of New Bern Camp U. C. V. Met Here Yesterday.

HISTORY TO BE COMPILED

Deeds Of Valor Of Camp Members To Be Told In Interesting Volume.

Yesterday morning every member of the New Bern Camp of United Confederate Veterans who could possibly be present, assembled in the hall of the Daughters of the Confederacy in the Wolfenden building on Souyt Front street for the purpose of holding their annual meeting.

Since the last meeting several of those who wore the gray in that historic conflict between the States have answered the last roll call but the majority of those remaining were present at yesterday's meeting and it was one full of interest for each member. The following is the official report of the proceedings:

Annual Report.

New Bern Camp No. 1162 United Confederate Veterans assembled at the hall of the Daughters of the Confederacy yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.

The Capt. Commander S. R. Street called the camp to order and stated that he was physically unable to discharge the duties of his post and assigned the command to Lieut. Commander J. W. Biddle.

The adjutant, J. F. Clark being absent, Comrade W. N. Pugh was temporarily assigned to his post.

Applications for membership in New Bern Camp were presented by S. B. Parker, Co. K. 2nd Reg. N. C. Junior Reserves, J. E. Avery, Co. F., 67th N. C. Troops, Thos. E. Marshall and Henry Lewis of Co. E., 67th N. C. Troops and Geo. W. Hill of Co. A., 67th Reg. N. C. Troops.

On motion of W. R. Barrington, all members who expected to go to Gettysburg Reunion should at once give in their names to the adjutant and the following responded: L. H. Fields, E. J. White, S. B. Parker, E. Phillips, W. D. Abernathy, F. J. Wetherbee, B. O'Neal, J. B. Reel, X. N. Brock, H. C. Robinson, C. M. Pollock, J. W. Biddle, S. R. Street, B. G. Creden, J. E. Avery, W. A. Ewell, J. W. Wooten, and W. R. Barrington.

Comrade C. F. Hargett was elected flag bearer.

On motion of M. E. Whitehurst, a committee consisting of Comrades W. R. Barrington, W. N. Pugh and David Brinson were appointed to get up a complete history of New Bern Camp No. 1162 U. C. V.'s from its inception to date, and the Adjutant be required to keep it on file in complete form. All members having any letters or papers or any information relative to the history of the camp were requested to place the same in the hands of the committee.

Comrade M. E. Whitehurst proposed the donation of a suitable book for such records and such assistance as lay in his power, for which the camp gave unanimous thanks.

Comrade M. E. Whitehurst was introduced as the oldest veteran present being 80 years old, Comrade W. R. Barrington, in casting his eyes around the hall, espied an old veteran from Pamlico and introduced him as the older, being 81 years, and just at that instant, Comrade J. U. Smith came tripping up to the adjutant's desk and Comrade W. N. Pugh thinking that he had them all beaten, introduced Comrade Smith as the veteran sure enough, though he was stepping very lightly under his burden of 82 years. The question was thought then to be settled, but almost in an instant Comrade Jos. W. Kennedy of Cove City walked up and bore off the honors with the mark of 83. The four aged veterans were requested to rise at their seats which they did and were complimented by the camp upon their youthful appearance as well as their valor.

The Daughters of the Confederacy, having prepared a dinner for the veterans, the Lieut. Commander formed the column in front of the hall and the march to Redmonds Wharf was begun. Upon arrival, the column was greeted by a song from the Daughters which the veterans enjoyed, though the most of them kept one eye on the table.

The dinner was a grand success and the devotion of the Daughters was simply divine.

May they live to cheer the hearts of the Old Veterans as long as there is one left on top of the sod!

W. N. PUGH, Adj. pro tem.

Now Col. Watterston will think less of Col. Roosevelt than ever. No Kentucky gentlemen will stand for such disparaging references to the mint julep.

RAILROAD PAYS OFF HUGE DEBT

Baltimore & Ohio Closes Up The Largest Financial Transaction Of The Year.

SELLS MORTGAGE BONDS TO DO IT

Loan Used For Interest Payments. Road Now Has A Big Increase In Yearly Earnings.

Baltimore, June 3.—The board of directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company yesterday brought to a pleasing conclusion the largest financial transaction of the year by paying out \$50,000,000 in cash for the redemption of a like amount of 4 1/2 per cent. three-year notes maturing June 1. That date fell on Sunday and, in accordance with American custom, the actual transfer of notes and cash took place the business day following.

In most European countries the custom is to meet such paper the day before its Sunday maturity. Accordingly the \$10,000,000 Baltimore and Ohio notes held abroad were taken up on Saturday by the company's financial representatives in London. That left the actual amount redeemed in New York \$40,000,000.

The payment was made from the proceeds of the \$63,250,000 twenty-year 4 1/2 per cent. convertible bonds sold last winter.

The completed transactions leaves free and unincumbered in the Baltimore and Ohio treasury released securities to the value of between \$75,000,000 and \$80,000,000. Against this sum there is not a dollar of obligation or pledge. It is an asset that is clearly available for any future financing that may be undertaken by the railway company.

It is stated however, on authority, that the company is not now contemplating immediate large expenditures, deeming the time and conditions inopportune for further outlay on road equipment.

This net issue of \$50,000,000 was one of the first acts of President Willard when he took control of the property about three and a half years ago. He recognized even before he came to the Baltimore and Ohio that it needed large expenditures for tracks and equipment before it could be brought to its full earning capacity. He insisted upon \$50,000,000, though at first the board was loth to assume so large an indebtedness. Mr. Willard insisted and his wishes finally prevailed.

With the money he has almost wholly reconstructed the road over the Allegheny Mountains. Additional tracks have been laid, new tunnels built, freight yards provided and new terminals established at all the important points along the line in the traffic producing centres. The results of this good work are apparent in the increased earning power, as the road is now running from \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000 ahead of last year and nearly double that increase from the period before Mr. Willard took the helm. In all he spent upward of \$60,000,000 in this work.

B. P. O. E. MOVING ON WILMINGTON

PILGRIMAGE OF ANTELOPERED TRIBE COMMENCES

The pilgrimage of Elks from New Bern to Wilmington for the North Carolina Convention started yesterday when, William Dunn, Jr., T. C. Daniels, James H. Simmons, T. J. Morrison, E. E. Davenport, Guilford Lewis, and T. B. Kehoe left for the convention city. Others will go today, but the bulk of the New Bern party will go on the special train leaving here tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock.

New Bern expects to carry a larger crowd probably than any other city in the state, at all events the attendance from this city will be very large and members of the delegation will have every reason to feel satisfied with the showing made.

As stated yesterday, the New Bern contingent will wear white trousers, white shoes and socks, blue coats and straw hats with purple bands, the purple being the official color of the order. The special train will be provided with a baggage car to which the Elks will repair just before reaching Wilmington for the purpose of repacking their traveling suits with the special matching outfits.

Now we'll see with what a lot of good memories the Senate is not afflicted.