

UNCLE SAM'S VIEWS ON ROAD BUILDING

Many Country Roads May Be Greatly Improved by Judicious Grading and Systematic Maintenance.

Washington, Aug. 3.—"Although it will be impractical for many years to come to improve more than a small per cent of the roads of the country with hard surface," said the United States officer of public roads today.

Many country roads, the government experts said, may be greatly improved by judicious grading and systematic maintenance.

"Thousands of miles of roads that meet the needs of many localities as well as would a more expensive type of construction have been built in the South at an average cost of \$750 a mile," the United States road service said.

Earth roads should be at least 20 feet wide and preferably 24 to 30 feet; they should be crowned with a rise of one inch to the foot towards the center; they should have side ditches; through swampy land the road should be raised above level of the country to secure drainage.

The drag should be light enough to be lifted by one man. Dry, red cedar is the best material for the drag, though red elm and walnut are excellent.

On a clay road-bed, the same process is followed with sand, except that the clay should be well plowed up to insure a good mixture.

The final mixing should be done in rainy weather. When the mixing has been completed, the road is brought to a crown of one inch to the foot with a splitting drag and covered with a thin layer of sand.

In the gravel road the first layer of gravel, or coarser size, is laid over a prepared road bed of earth to a depth of about four inches at the center and three inches at the sides.

Gravel for use in road construction should be submitted to a road expert for examination as to their fitness. Many gravels are wholly unsuited for the purpose.

East Bend, Aug. 4.—East Bend is to have a new school building costing from eight to ten thousand dollars. This is welcome news to this community.

News has just reached East Bend by letter that Mr. Charles Trulove, of Kimsville, accidentally shot himself Wednesday.

JACKSON TRAINING SCHOOL MEMORIAL IS PROPOSED

Believing it to be eminently proper that the North Carolina Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy should provide a gift to the Stonewall Jackson Training School at Concord that will be both a fitting memorial to General Stonewall Jackson and at the same time of actual service to the boys, who are sent to the institution to be given training.

Mrs. Eugene Little, of Wadesboro, president of the State Chapter, has conceived the idea of building a bridge at this school across the National Highway, which passes through the grounds, so as to connect the various buildings and thus obviate the necessity of the youngsters having to endanger their lives by getting in the way of the thousands of automobiles that travel this road.

Mrs. Little, who attended the annual reunion of the North Carolina Division of Confederate Veterans in Wilmington the past week, is spending a few days at Wrightsville Beach, says the Star, before starting out on an active campaign for funds with which to build this bridge.

Mrs. Little has had plans for the bridge prepared by a prominent architect and engineer, of Charlotte, and it is estimated that the cost will be more than \$2,000. Memorial tablets for General Jackson will be placed on both sides of the bridge, which will be built of Wimsboro granite.

It is now planned to have the bridge built in time to have it dedicated next October, when the State Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy meets in Gastonia for its annual convention. It is expected that the dedicatory exercises will be attended by a delegation from the convention.

Mrs. Little has already given very freely of her time to this undertaking. She has visited the Training School and has ascertained that the highway passes through a cut about 12 feet deep, making it rather difficult as well as dangerous for the boys to pass from their cottages on one side of the road to the Chapel, erected by the King's Daughters of the state, which is located on the other side of the thoroughfare.

MORE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS

Chairman Hanes, of the Winston-Salem Flood Relief Committee, stated Thursday evening that the fund would close within a day or two, and those who expect to make a contribution should act at once.

Today "Cash" contributions have been received at this office aggregating \$11.50 and Mrs. E. P. Webb, mother of Mrs. F. M. Bohannon, has sent in a contribution of \$3.00.

Mr. Griffith states that he has not had direct communication with any of the relief parties sent out the first of the week, but indirect reports show that satisfactory progress is being made and that much good is being accomplished.

Upon the return of Chairman Hanes to the city a meeting of the committee is expected to be held and the fund closed. Following the meeting a statement of all funds received, including merchandise, will be made and later a statement issued regarding the disbursement of the funds.

DISCOVERIES MADE ABOUT CROOKS BY A PROSECUTOR

WHAT PROSECUTOR HAS DISCOVERED

Ninety per cent of criminals are bachelors. Only half of married men who become crooks have children. Women who take up crime are single or separated from their families. Women crooks won't tell the truth. If a married man gets into trouble, he generally commits a real crime, not a misdemeanor. The way to lessen crime is to advocate marriages.

Cleveland, Aug. 2.—After an investigation of 400 criminal cases, James S. Lind, Cleveland chief police prosecutor, has found out that nine tenths of all crooks are unmarried. Two thirds of men jailed were between the ages of 21 and 30, according to his figures, available here today.

"It seems that conditions in unmarried life tend to make men criminals and that persons with criminal instincts are inclined not to marry," concluded Lind after his investigation.

"In 400 cases which passed through my office there was no definite economic condition that would result in crime.

"Only about half of the married prisoners had children and many of the married ones were separated from their families.

"As a rule women who take up crime are also single or at least separated from their husbands or families. This is hard to prove because women prisoners are not inclined to tell the truth. When a woman lands in jail she generally claims to be married and says if her husband hears of her predicament he will forsake her forever. She also claims to be the mother of several small children, dependent on her care—all of which, nine times out of ten, is untrue.

"If a married man gets into trouble he generally commits a real crime, not a misdemeanor. If a married man with children finds his way behind the bars, it is usually money troubles which have placed him there.

"But if any particular class of the human family is a menace to the rest, unmarried men are the guilty ones.

"The way to lessen crime is to advocate early marriages. What a man needs to keep him out of trouble is a good home environment.

"If mothers realized this they would cease opposing early marriages."

MAY BRING BUFFALO TO TAR HEEL STATE

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, president of the southern forestry congress which met in Asheville some little time ago, has asked the board of trade of that city to secure as many associate members as possible to the American Bison Society.

The board of trade asks all those interested in the movement to communicate at once by telephone or letter with the board and secure an associate membership, which costs but \$1 per year.

It is believed that the forests of this section originally harbored large herds of buffalo and bison, before they migrated to the western plains.

Greensboro, Aug. 3.—Mrs. Fannie L. Turner, of High Point, has entered suit against the North Carolina Public Service Company and the Yadkin River Railway Company for \$10,000 damages to property rights in her home city.

SIXTY-DAY CROPS WILL BE GROWN

Demonstration Agents Will Aid Farmers in Areas Damaged by Recent Floods.

Raleigh, Aug. 3.—It is thought by Mr. C. R. Hudson, State agent, and the various county agents throughout North Carolina, that in the course of the next sixty days another partial crop will be nearly matured in a portion of the devastated farming section in the western part of the State.

Mr. Hudson says that the agents in Wilkes, McDowell, Henderson, Buncombe, Alexander, Yadkin, and other counties where the damage has been great are now busy aiding the stricken farmers in the planting of crops for table use and stock feed.

The first shipments of seed for the farmers in the stricken sections went north yesterday by express. Demonstration agents had already ascertained the individual needs of farmers and the seed will be distributed with the least possible delay.

Through the committee on aid to the sufferers \$1,000 has been donated for the purchase of seeds. Mr. Hudson stated last night that he thought that the United States Department of Agriculture would also aid the farmers whose crops have been ruined.

For table use turnips, rape, beans, and other quick growing crops will be grown where the land is not too badly damaged. The farmers in some sections, Mr. Hudson says, have had their lands greatly benefited by the addition of sediment which contains fertilizer ingredients.

The matter of injury to farmers and how this can be most effectively repaired will be a topic to be discussed at the meeting of the agents here this month. But the discussion will not be altogether limited to the flooded districts.

The tentative program as announced by the office in West Raleigh, includes quite a number of new features, heretofore not seen in the demonstration agents' meetings.

The plan for the meeting contemplates three lectures for each of five days during the morning hours. During the afternoons there will be conferences on corn, beef, dairy, pig and poultry club work for one hour. The remainder of the afternoons will be spent in practical field studies on the farm, in the orchards, dairies, poultry plants, etc.

At night there will be given educational illustrated lectures and motion pictures. The following topics will be discussed at the morning sessions:

- 1. Soils: Formulation, composition and classification. Professor M. E. Sherwin.
2. Agronomy: Cover crops, rotation, and fertilization of crops, plant breeding, variety tests, etc. Prof. C. L. Newman, Dr. R. Y. Winters and others.
3. Beef production, dairying, feeding, care of live stock and cheap pork production. Prof. Dan T. Gray, Mr. R. S. Curtis, Mr. T. C. Reed.
4. Some common diseases of domestic animals, their diagnosis, and treatment. Dr. G. A. Roberts.
5. Poultry diseases, sanitation, housing, etc. Dr. B. F. Wolf.
6. Plant diseases and their eradication. Dr. F. A. Wolf.
7. Insect pests. Prof. Z. P. Metcalf.

MEMBER OF PROMINENT FAMILY KILLS HIMSELF

Greenville, N. C., Aug. 4.—Lee Shelburn, aged 25, son of E. H. Shelburn and member of a very prominent family, shot and killed himself early today. No cause for the act is known except that he left a note saying he was despondent.

Shelburn was unmarried and a leading member of the younger society.

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A Story for Boys and Girls

One day the farmer and his wife went to town and left all the barnyard folk by themselves. They told Tower to look out for Mr. Fox, that he did not get near, never thinking that anything else could happen. But no sooner did their master get out of sight than some one said it would be a good time to have a picnic on the other side of the pond.

"It will take all day to walk around it," said old Madam Black Hen, "and I, for one, am not going to say here alone; so you can't go."

Old Black Hen had lived at the farm so long that even Mr. Rooster listened to what she had to say on the barnyard subjects; so she shook his head and told the hens and chickens he guessed they could not go.

"They turkeys said they did not mind the walk, that they could get to the other side by noontime, they were sure, and, of course, the ducks did not mind, for all they had to do was to swim across."

Such a peeping and cackling of displeasure was never heard as when the hens and chickens set up when they found they were to be left behind because Old Madam Black Hen could not walk around the pond and would not stay at home alone.

At last Jakey Duck said: "I don't see why we can't all go across the pond. There is the master's boat; all you have to do is to steer it and I am sure I can do that."

"A very good idea," said Mr. Rooster; and so it was settled that everybody was to go across in the boat and that Jakey Duck was to steer.

Into the boat they scrambled, the turkeys and the hens and chickens and Mr. Rooster, and even some of the ducks, who thought it would be great sport to sail in a boat.

"Oh! we forgot the lunch!" screamed Old Madam Black Hen, just as everybody was in and ready to start off.

"Who ever heard of a picnic without a lunch?" So back they all went to the barn to get some corn, and once again they were ready to start.

The turkey gobbled and the chickens peeped, while their mother cackled and the ducks quacked because everyone else was making a noise. Everything went along smoothly until they came to the middle of the pond, and then the wind blew and rocked the boat.

"Oh! dear, I feel so queer," said Old Madam Black Hen, and down in the bottom of the boat she fell, just like a dead hen.

"I feel very queer, very queer, indeed," said Mrs. Turkey. "I cannot say whether it is my head or my stomach, but I think I will just lie down a minute."

"Oh!" moaned Mrs. Speckled Hen, and down in the bottom of the boat she went with the others.

One by one the hens and turkeys lay down in the boat until when Jakey Duck reached the shore on the other side of the pond only the ducks were sitting up. Out hopped the ducks and after a while Jakey and the others helped out the sick passengers. Even Mr. Rooster did not open his eyes or strut about. He let them pull him out of the boat and there he lay on the bank with all his family.

is a picnic I will manage to get won't be near a pond—IT was Jakey Duck. "He cannot scratch for me there won't be any pond. He is ahead of me even if he is smart."

DURHAM GIVES PRIZES TO TOBACCO PLANTERS. In an effort to aid tobacco in Durham, the Durham Board of Trade has offered premiums amounting to \$150,000, bringing the best tobacco to market during the coming season. The board has also decided to open markets September 15.

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HINTS ABOUT HEALTH Rural sanitation is a health protection to the city dweller. It's foolish to educate a boy and then let him die of typhoid fever. The U. S. Public Health Service issues a free bulletin on the summer care of infants. Every mother ought to have the bulletin of the Children's Bureau in Washington. Exercise in the garden is better than exercise in the gymnasium. Clean water, clean food, clean houses make clean, healthy American citizens. The state of California has reduced its typhoid death rate 70 per cent in the past ten years. Bats are the most expensive animal which man maintains. It is estimated that the average mouse pile will breed 900,000 flies per ton.—United States Public Health Service.

TURNED UP THEIR PINK NOSES AND FINED FOR IT. In Asheville lady prisoners turned up their pink noses and were found in contempt, as this from the Times shows: Having made faces at each other and used abusive language cost Lella Goldsmith and Pansy Beller \$6.95, the costs of their trial in police court this morning. Lella testified that Pansy turned up her nose at her. Pansy charged Lella with the same offense, and both were also charged with disorderly conduct. Judge Glenn heard the testimony, and on payment of the costs continued prayer for judgment for thirty days.