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**THE ROADS OF 1917**

It will be but a short time now until the rigors and storms of winter will be past and the problems of a new year will be before us for solution.

One of the most important of these problems will be, "What of our country roads in 1917?"

The year 1916 witnessed the greatest impetus to road building that has ever been known in our history. Government, state, county and municipality all awoke and attacked the problem with vigor, and the results in many instances were most gratifying.

But there was, the past year, another element in the solution of good roads problem that heretofore had been lacking—that of community co-operation. In many parts of the country the importunities of the good roads advocates had their effect, and the PEOPLE awoke to the live fact that the roads were THEIR roads, and that THEY were individually responsible for their maintenance. And this was just the added force needed to give to the movement an impetus that nothing could stop.

It is this feature of community co-operation that must be fostered if our roads are to be made what we would have them. Each and every citizen must be fully aroused to HIS responsibility—not merely to pay his taxes and give a few days of each year, but to shoulder his full share of responsibility and never let up until every road in his community is a GOOD road. Many communities have worked up a sentiment that each and every citizen shall give one day out of every month to voluntary labor on the roads. This is an auxiliary to all other road working facilities. And the plan is carried out in these communities has worked splendid results in the improvement of the highways.

If all communities, and this community in particular, will organize on this plan, work it up to a maximum of efficiency, and keep the enthusiasm at white heat, it will be only a short while until they awake to the fact that their road problem has been solved.

**COMMENTS ON BOARD OF TRADE**

Speaking in the kindest manner of the officers executive committee, and other members of the Board of Trade, Mr. R. A. Phillips, manager of the Scotland Neck Furniture Co., had the following to say to a representative of The Commonwealth.

"It appears to me that the public is not interested in our local Board of Trade as it should be, and I am free to confess that I have given the matter no little thought of late, and what I have to say now is not in condemnation of any individual or body of men, but only for the good of the Board of Trade, the people of the Town.

"The Board of Trade is for the betterment, extension, building up and general improvement of the community, and, in order that the best results may be accomplished, the business, professional and financial men join together into a body that cohesive action may be taken on matters that affect the community.

"The results accomplished, and I might say the life of such an organization is dependent upon the support given by its members and the public. So

far as I know it is getting the support, but not the whole-hearted enthusiastic one, and this is the point I am trying to get at.

"Now to get this enthusiasm it occurs to me it would be well for the Board of Trade to have a meeting of its entire membership, and anyone else that might be interested in the advancement of our town and community, at least once a month.

"This meeting should be well advertised and be of an informal character where topics under consideration could be discussed, and new ones advanced, and where the different committees could make their reports.

"What we want is unity, enthusiasm, and push, and I believe that by bringing the members together for a round table talk, it would arouse more enthusiasm and enable our Board of Trade to accomplish things not yet thought of.

"I am making these remarks as a member of the Board of Trade, and have at heart its best interests."

**SOME BAD ROAD**

Has it never occurred to the far-seeing citizens of Scotland Neck that there is a section of road, only about two miles in length, from Beech Swamp to Fishing Creek, on the Edgecombe County line, that is practically impassible even for horse travel, which if put into good repair would mean thousands of dollars to this town, as the people who now have to trade at Leggett's would prefer to come to Scotland Neck to do their business. Just imagine two miles of road preventing hundreds of good customers, and the loss of thousands of dollars. That does not sound like twentieth century progressiveness, but rather of twenty years ago. Let us look into this matter and see if these two miles cannot be made passable for the people who want to do business with us.

**TERSE TOLD TALES**

You can lead a baseball player to a contract but you can't make him think.

Ho-ho-Hum! They've nominated Roger Bresnahan as manager of the Red Sox.

The race is not always to the swift—even in six day races. Sleep is one of the best spectators.

Fred Mitchell has signed a contract to manage the Cubs, thereby showing that he cares nothing for his young life.

Bob Folwell wants Pennsylvania to play the "all American" football team. Well, Bill Clymer challenged the Red Sox for Louisville.

Eddie Mahan quit the University of California because they wouldn't let him work, thereby shattering every precedent in athletics.

The Clermont Athletic club started out to put on the best fights in New York. The first effort was Frank Moran and Gusbert Smith.

The Cubs changed from Tampa to Pasadena for training grounds, but Tampa must be given a lot of credit for standing a lot of punishment.

A six-day bike race rider in New York stole the spectator's bluff by going to sleep during the race. He was just as interested as the gallery.

**ONCE SON OF WEALTH, LATER POOR BOY, BECOMES MORGAN PARTNER TODAY**

(by George Martin)

(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A young man walked into the House of Morgan at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets here today and sat down at the desk he had his eye on for twenty years.

The young man was Thomas Cochran of St. Paul, Minnesota, who, born among riches and later forced into poverty, has struggled back up the ladder to the point of success where J. P. Morgan invited him to become his twelfth business partner. Cochran officially assumed this enviable position in the world of finance today. Cochran was confronted twenty

years ago with the alternative of working his way through his last year at Yale, or quitting. His father's death and the loss of the family fortune put it up to the young man from St. Paul.

Young Cochran worked his way through the last year. He forewent society, in which he had played a large part; also football, despite the fact that he was a member of the Yale team; likewise Skull & Bones, the exclusive fraternity to which he had been elected. He took work as tutor. He took other work too and when he graduated he had the habit.

Ten years ago Cochran was working for a real estate company here for wages that almost any Wall Street clerk would curl his lip at. He had "stuck" there for seven years at the same salary, but he knew what he was about. He knew what he had and he was content to wait for the psychological moment to get into the big play.

Then Henry P. Davidson, a partner of the late J. Pierpont Morgan, "discovered" Cochran and invited him to help reorganize the Astor Trust Company. Cochran's advance since then

has been rapid, but he has stood the test and no flaws have developed.

The real estate clerk of ten years ago today is not only a Morgan partner, but also a director of the Astor Trust Company, Knox Hat Company, Submarine Corporation, the Kennebec Copper Company, American Piano Co., the Helca Iron Works, the United Dry-goods Company, the Associated Merchants Company, Lord & Taylor.

**PREFERS CHAMBERLAIN'S.**

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**CLEE VAUGHAN**

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