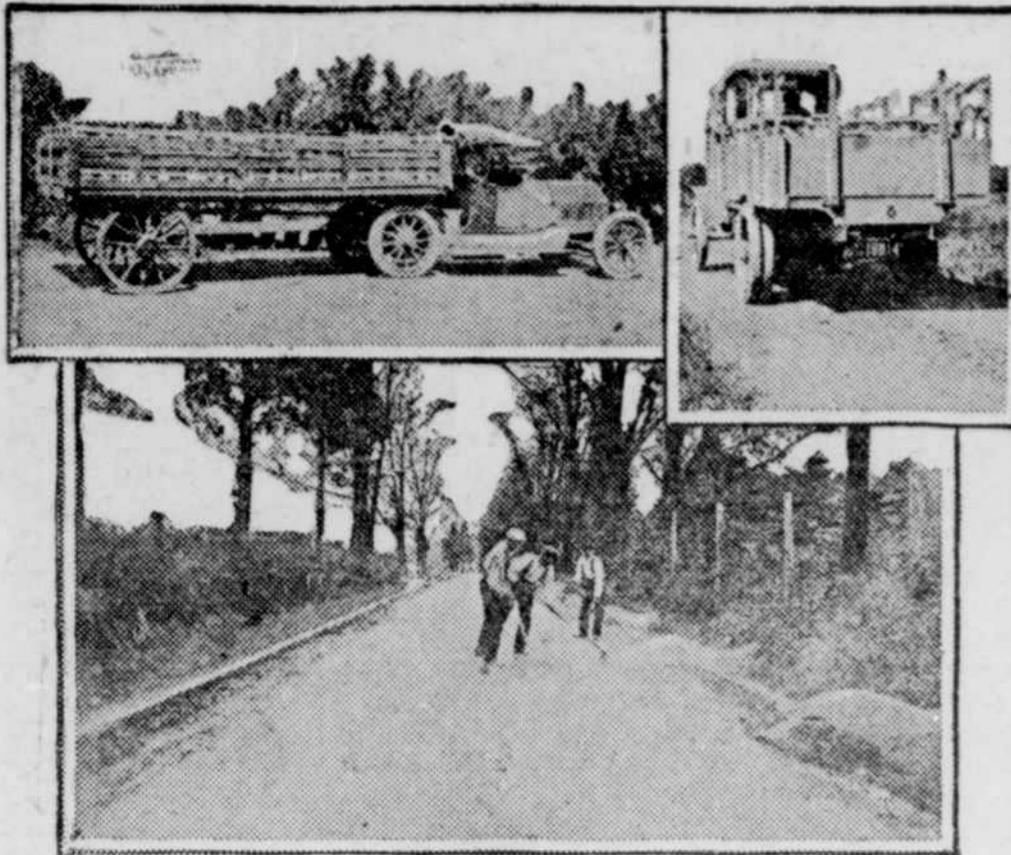


Our Part in Feeding the Nation

(Special Information Service, United States Department of Agriculture.)
ROAD CONSTRUCTION POLICY FOR WAR TIME



Food Transportation Needs as Well as Military Necessity to Be Considered in Nation's War Time Road Building.

MAINTAIN ROADS ALREADY BUILT

Military and Economic Needs Must Govern 1918 Construction.

BUILDING PUT ON WAR BASIS

How the Federal Aid Road Is Administered—Improved State Laws One Result—Annual Expenditure of \$300,000,000 Involved.

That is the policy which David F. Houston, secretary of agriculture, believes should be followed in highway construction during the war. It means that road building in the United States will be put on a war basis; that the highway which is vitally important from a military standpoint and for the movement of commodities will receive priority of consideration in projecting programs of construction.

In carrying out the policy thus announced there has been sent out by the office of public roads of the department of agriculture, schedule forms on which the states are requested to set forth their proposed federal aid work for the 1918 working season. These schedules call for a description of each road, the character, quantity and rail haul of the materials to be used, the probable cost, the amount of federal funds desired, the specific purpose of the improvement, its bearing upon the war situation, and what effect a delay of the work until 1919 or later would have. With the information thus assembled and classified, an efficient road-construction program is assured. While it is impossible to make any definite statement regarding the transportation of road materials, the expectations are that the transportation situation will be improved and that the shipment of such materials for essential projects can be made.

Expenditure of \$300,000,000.
Road construction and maintenance in the United States involve an annual expenditure of some \$300,000,000, and there is scarcely a section of the country that is not seriously affected by a marked disturbance in road work.

In the administration of the federal aid road act of July 11, 1916, which provides for co-operation between the federal government and the states in the construction of rural post roads and of roads and trails within and partly within the national forests, very satisfactory progress has been made by the department of agriculture, according to a recent report of Secretary Houston. The office of public roads and rural engineering, which is intrusted with the burden of admin-

SECRETARY HOUSTON STATES WAR ROAD BUILDING POLICY.

So far as it is practicable to do so, this department will urge the maintenance of the highways already constructed; the construction and completion of those highways which are vitally important because of their bearing upon the war situation or for the movement of commodities; the postponement of all highway construction relatively less essential or not based upon important military or economic needs. The department is preparing to suggest to the state highway departments the proposition of a schedule of work for the federal aid projects for 1918 in line with this policy.—Secretary Houston, in Communication to American Association of State Highway Officials.

BROGDEN SCHOOL NEWS.

Brogden basketball team went to New Hope Saturday afternoon for a game of ball, but on account of a death in the community the game was called off.

On Friday, 22nd, New Hope played Brogden. The score was 9 to 9.

Miss Lucy Culbreth spent Saturday and Sunday in the New Hope community.

Miss Ada Perry spent Saturday evening with friends at Benson.

Miss Alice McGee spent the weekend at her home in Mt. Olive.

We are glad to say that Mrs. W. R. Royall who underwent an operation at Spicer's Sanatorium, Goldsboro, is improving rapidly.

Messrs. Jonas and Ben Gardner and children motored to Fountain to spend Sunday.

A Washington's Birthday program was rendered on the evening of the 22nd. After the program Rev. Mr. Proctor gave an address on War Savings Stamps.

The following pupils from the 3rd and 4th grades have bought War Savings Stamps: Albert, Arthur and Elmer Gardner, Robert Howell, Alton Creech, Flonnie Overby, Elwood Rose, Luther and James Capps, Nancy Jane, Erma and Johnnie Creech, Thelma Thompson and Mattie and Annie Starling.

Brogden Literary Society met on last Friday evening and the following was read in behalf of our loyal member, Mr. Robert Oliver, who left Monday for Camp Jackson: With sad and full hearts, we, members of Brogden Literary Society, feel more grieved

in a way than ever before. Why? Because we are sharing one of our beloved members to the service of this great country of ours. He is a true citizen of Johnston County and a christian hearted young man. He was always an honest student at school and worked for the pleasure of his fellow-students. During the first society term of this season he had the highest office, President, and now drawing to a conclusion we pray that God may bless him and keep him from all harm and pain and some day when he comes home, he will have greater honor than just Mr. Robert Oliver.

Friday evening will be the regular time for the election of new officers for the Society. They will be elected to serve through commencement.

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NOTICE.

That on Monday, April 1st, 1918, I will make application to Hon. T. W. Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, for the pardon of Everett Eason, who was convicted of Man Slaughter at March Term, 1917, in the alleged murder of Harry Cook. All persons desiring to oppose said pardon, will be present at said hearing.

This March 5th, 1918.
LOSSIE EASON.
Second Notice.

Greensboro Merchant Tells Remarkable Story About His Search For Happiness

"Nothing Ever Did For Me What Dreco Has Done—It is One Grand Medicine" Says Retired Shoe Repairer. "I Was Very Shaky From Nervousness But That Has Passed Away."

Here is the story of a successful Greensboro merchant who for 33 years conducted a shoe repairing business and has since retired. It is told in the hope that some other person who suffers the way he did before he found blessed relief may read it and be benefited the way he was.

The story is told for publication by Mr. W. T. Blalock who resides at 608 Union Street, Greensboro and is prominently connected with the Junior Order and the Woodmen of the World. This is what he says:

"Stomach trouble had me in its grip for a long time. It seemed as though nothing I ate would digest but lay like a lump of lead in my stomach. Gas tortured me after every meal and to add to my troubles I suffered severely from pains in the back, kidney trouble, headaches and constipation.

"Although I suffered for years and tried all kinds of medicines, nothing ever did for me what this new herb medicine—Dreco, did. It is one grand medicine. I was very shaky from nervousness and loss of sleep but that has passed away like all my other troubles.

"There's one thing that couldn't be done, and that is to take Dreco and fail to have a big appetite. I have just bought another bottle and my wife is going to start taking it."

When the stomach doesn't work right there is sure to be trouble in the human machine. Nothing lays the entire system open to the ravages of disease like a disarranged stomach, kidney trouble, liver complaint, headaches, pain in the back, impure blood and constipation may often be traced directly to stomach disorder.

In such cases it is foolish and useless to try to cure the cause by treating the symptoms. What is needed is a good, reliable, pure and efficient medicine that will go direct to the cause of the trouble and build up from the bottom. Such a medicine is Dreco, according to the hundreds of testimonials and signed statements from men and women who have used it.

Dreco is purely an herbal medicine. It is inexpensive, easy to take and is particularly recommended in Smithfield by Creech Drug Co.—Adv.

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