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PLANS FOR GOOD ROADS OUTLINED

North Carolina Good Roads Association Proposed Measures For Special Session of Legislature to Act On—Road Bonds Be Non-Taxable.

Chapel Hill, Aug. 4.—The North Carolina Good Roads Association has formulated its plans in preparation for the special session of the legislature that is to meet in Raleigh August 10th at which time it means to take up certain preliminary matters incident to the bill it hopes to put through the 1921 session providing for a State system of hard surfaced roads. The Legislative Committee, consisting of T. L. Gwyn, Chairman, Miss H. M. Berry, Secretary, John Sprunt Hill, P. C. Whitlock, and W. A. McCirt, has just had a meeting at which it was decided to ask the special session to act on three matters which, because of their very nature, should be passed now. These three things, as stated in a letter the Secretary has sent to every member of the Legislature, are:

First, a bill relating to the construction and maintenance of a State system of hard surfaced roads connecting the county seats and principal towns of all the counties of the State. So important a matter, involving vast expenditures in the largest construction problem the State has yet attempted, should be worked out with great care and after much consideration. The Association suggests that the special session appoint a joint commission of the House and Senate to work out a bill, leisurely and in consultation with the State road officials and others, providing for the construction, adequate maintenance, and protection of this system of roads, and have same ready for presentation to the General Assembly of 1921.

Second, if in your judgment any concrete expression from the people is needed to convince us of the wisdom of embarking upon this great public enterprise, that a referendum in regard to the construction of a State System of highways be submitted at the November election.

The third item is in regard to the exemption of road and other public improvement bonds from taxation. This is a very vital matter if our counties and towns are to continue to finance such public improvements as public roads, bridges, school houses, sewer and water systems, street improvements; in short, any sort of public improvement which requires the sale of bonds. As this matter will require a referendum, which, if acted on now, can be submitted in connection with other tax matters in November; but if deferred until the regular session next winter, final action cannot be taken until 1923 and, in the meantime, the sale of our public bonds is becoming increasingly difficult.

Miss Berry, the Secretary of the Association, feels that since all three of these matters are of such vital importance and are such as can be disposed of in a very short time, that no opposition to their introduction into the special session is likely.

MEADOW NEWS

Mrs. J. L. Lee and children spent last week end with relatives in Wilson.

Mrs. Mary Barbour of Smokes, S. C., who has been visiting relatives in this section for the last two weeks, has returned home.

Mrs. J. M. Lawhorn of Benson was the guest of Mrs. Eldridge Barefoot last week end.

Mr. R. B. Lee who is a student in King's Business College of Raleigh was in our section last Sunday.

The community service meeting at Meadow last Friday night was a success. It will be held again Friday night, August 13. Let everybody come out and boost the community.

The district meeting of the W. M. U. will be held at Trinity on the 3rd Sunday afternoon, August 15, beginning at three o'clock. Several good speakers will be on the program and everybody is invited to attend.

Benson, R. 2, August 4.

The United States has doubled its consumption of petroleum since 1911.

MATTERS OF INTEREST IN BRIEF

It now appears that Tennessee will reject the Woman Suffrage Amendment. Then comes North Carolina's turn. Will she follow suit? Some months ago the State Legislatures were ratifying the Anthony Amendment so rapidly that some Representatives in State which had not taken up the question were fearful that they would not get a chance to vote on the question. It now appears that many of the Representatives in the State Legislatures are not so anxious to vote for the Suffrage Amendment as they appeared at one time to be.

Women took part in the Oklahoma primary Tuesday for the first time. Three thousand men charged the county jail at Center, Texas, Monday and took therefrom Lige Daniels, a negro, who is charged with the murder of Mrs. Margie Hall, a white woman, and lynched to a tree in the court yard.

Six men entered a bank at Moline, Illinois, just before noon Tuesday and took away \$20,000. They then fled in an automobile.

The national debt was reduced more than seventy-six millions during the month of July.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic nominee for Vice President, will open his campaign in Chicago on August 11.

Two new cases of typhus fever have developed on a vessel which reached New York Sunday from Havre.

FIGHTING MESSAGE HANDED DEMOCRATS BY GOV. COX

Speaking From Roped Arena Says He Will Carry The "Offensive" To G. O. P.

Dayton, Ohio, Aug. 4.—A fighting message to democrats and republicans was given by Governor Cox in an address today at a local democratic picnic.

Speaking from a roped arena, for boxing events on the picnic program, Governor Cox advocated definite issues, declared he would carry the offensive in "a considerable fight" for which he predicted success. Incidentally, he promised that his address Saturday, accepting the presidential nomination, could be understood "even by school children."

"Boys, I'm ready for the fight," he declared to the cheering plaudits of several hundred members of the Gem City Democratic club, of this city.

"We need make no defense," the governor continued. "Ours will be the offensive fight from the beginning to the end, and it will be a considerable fight. Make no mistake about that. I have the faith in me that there will be triumph of right principles, which will serve notice on the republican leaders for years to come. I was about to say that it would be a democratic triumph. It will not be that. It will not be a victory in the partisan sense, it will be a triumph of the right."

Turning upon his opponents, the governor continued.

"We've won before. We will win again, because we're right."

"The opposition has been good to us, and the advantage that it has given us will be recounted in the stirring days ahead. The opposition has adopted a course of doing what we farmers used to do—of ploughing around the stumps, of seeking to avoid the things that perplex."

Names Suggested for Hospital.

A few weeks ago and repeated later there was an item in this paper asking that names be suggested for the Hospital which is soon to be opened in Smithfield. Within the past few days several names have been suggested as follows:

"Edith Cavill."
"The Good Samaritan."
"Friendship Hospital."
"Smithfield Sanitarium."
"Smithfield Hospital."
"The Oasis."

"The Johnstonian Hospital."
These names have been suggested to The Herald this week. If others desire to suggest a name, let it come. The equipment is coming in rapidly and it is hoped to have the formal opening within the next few weeks.

The annual convention of the Quakers of North Carolina is now in session at Guilford College. About 200 delegates are in attendance.

PROPERTY VALUATION IN JOHNSTON COUNTY

Real and Personal Property Is More Than \$57,000,000. Nearly Three Times as Much as Under Old Assessment. Values Given By Townships.

Johnston county taxables have grown greatly within the past few years, and the report of the assessed values of real estate during the present year will be a revelation to many who do not realize how fast the wealth of the county is increasing. The work of the men who have had the revaluation in hand is now complete and a remarkable showing is made.

In 1919 the real estate valuation of Johnston county was \$15,477,315. Personal property \$7,912,383. Total, exclusive of railroads and banks, \$13,134,511.

In 1920 the total value of the real estate aggregates \$41,340,148; personal property, \$57,407,467. It is nearly three times as much as the old assessment.

The new assessment by townships is:

Clayton,	\$6,773,121
Wilson's Mills	1,312,307
Pleasant Grove	1,537,628
Cleveland	1,633,873
Elevation	2,589,390
Banner	4,241,702
Meadow	2,207,288
Bentonville	1,406,702
Ingrams	3,291,522
Boon Hill	3,974,461
Micro	1,398,856
Beulah	3,345,106
Oncles	3,741,769
Wilders	2,892,923
Pine Level	1,781,559
Selma	6,029,140
Smithfield	9,322,653

These figures are exclusive of railroads, corporations and banks.

10,000 Witness Funeral of Canary

Newark, N. J., Aug. 3.—A crowd estimated by the police at 10,000 persons thronged the streets of the city tonight to witness the funeral of Jimmie, the pet canary of Emilio Rusomanno, 65-year-old cobbler. Police reserves were called out to preserve order and clear the streets for the funeral cortege.

Jimmie, described by its owner as possessing a "song as sweet as the voice of Caruso," choked to death Sunday on a watermelon seed.

Leading the procession was a band of 12 pieces, playing funeral dirges, followed by a hearse, bedecked with flowers and carrying a small white coffin in which the bird's body reposed. The old cobbler, tearstained and visibly affected, rode in a coach with a few intimate friends.

The cost of the bird's funeral estimated at \$400, was contributed by the cobbler's friends. When Jimmie died, the old cobbler drew the blinds of his shop, hung out a sign, "Closed on account of Jimmie's death," put crepe over his door and went into deep mourning.

New Fords Coming to Town.

Mr. Ransom Sanders, general manager of the Sanders Motor Company, has just returned from Charlotte where he went in the interest of his company's business in Ford Cars. Mr. Sanders had a very successful trip and as a result he has been promised an average of a Ford car daily for the year ending August 1, 1921. This will enable the company to greatly increase their Ford sales in this county, more than doubling them. The Sanders Motor Company has been doing a fine business and at present are moving into their new garage near the river, on West Market street. When completed this garage will be one of the most complete in this section.

This company, under the leadership of Mr. W. Ransom Sanders, one of the county's progressive young business men, has forged ahead very rapidly and is doing a very fine business. It is well equipped to do a general garage business, having efficient and careful mechanics who are able to repair cars on short notice.

The Standard Oil Company is fifty years old this year.

CONCERNING "TAR HEEL AFFLUENCE"

The State Has Grown From The Desolation of War to Enviably Position in Fifty Years—Paid \$169,206,000 Federal Taxes Last Year.

Only a little more than 50 years ago North Carolina was desolated by war, woefully poverty stricken, prostrate under the heel of thieving carpet baggers and negroes, supported by Federal troops. The State had lost more men in the war than any other, its slave property was gone. Confederate money, virtually its only circulating medium, had become worthless; there was little Federal currency and little to sell to secure it, for the able-bodied men had been fighting and the negroes were celebrating their freedom by loafing and talking politics. The outlook was dreary in the extreme.

In the fiscal year ended June 30, North Carolina paid Federal taxes of \$169,206,000, which was doubtless more than the entire wealth of the State, outside of land, in 1870.

The Maryland district, which includes Delaware and the District of Columbia, paid only \$120,752,457, Texas, five times as large as North Carolina, and with double its population, paid \$103,000,000. Georgia, called the "empire State of the South," paid \$42,665,000, and Tennessee \$35,138,000.

The North Carolina figures are all the more remarkable because the State has no large cities, none in the class of Baltimore, Washington, New Orleans, Atlanta, Dallas, Richmond, nor even Norfolk or Savannah. It has no big seaport. Its largest town is Winston-Salem, of 48,000 population with Charlotte somewhat smaller, and Wilmington, Raleigh and Asheville considerably so. It has, moreover, very few millionaires. But its per capita wealth is larger than that of any other Southern State, and it is buying automobiles, it is said, at the rate of \$50,000,000 a year. The basis of its prosperity is, of course, tobacco and cotton, both the growing and manufacture; lumber and truck farming.

North Carolina has the oldest State university in America, its charter dating from 1789. The State's appropriation for maintenance and building is about \$200,000. The Alumni Review, in pointing out its inadequacy, says, under the head of "Gasoline and Culture":

At present North Carolina has 54 cents per inhabitant invested in university properties, and \$50 per inhabitant invested in automobiles. In 125 years we have built up a university plant worth \$1,350,000. In ten years we have bought up \$100,000,000 worth of motor cars! We are buying motor cars faster than any other State in the union, says the national automobile chamber of commerce—\$50,000,000 worth a year! A hundred and forty thousand dollars worth a day, including Sunday.

We are skyrocketing toward the top of the automobile column; but in common school and university investments we soar aloft like Icarus of old, like Darius Green and his flying machine!

Our 1,500 students already demand almost exactly twice the space available today—to say nothing of the future. We could just as easily have 5,000 as 1,500 students here, if only the State would provide the facilities.

The Agricultural and Mechanical college, with a large attendance, and also a State institution, is not connected with the university.

It is interesting to note that, while Maryland has no State university, it is giving to its State college and to higher educational institutions twice as much as North Carolina appropriates for its university.—Baltimore Evening Sun.

Gene After Thirty Fords.

Mr. T. C. Young, of the Sanders Motor Company, left yesterday with thirty drivers for Columbus, Ohio, to drive back thirty Ford cars for the Smithfield and Benson garages. In about five or six days there will be plenty of Fords here and at Benson to supply the demands somewhat.

KENLY NEWS

Kenly, Aug. 4.—Mr. Claud Edger-ton made a business trip to Goldsboro Tuesday.

Mrs. J. H. Kirby spent Monday in Wilson.

Mrs. Frank Capps is spending some time at Virginia Beach.

Mr. M. C. Bridger leaves today for Bladenboro.

Miss Beulah Bailey returned home Tuesday after visiting Miss Lona Bell of Wakefield.

Miss Lolita Underwood has returned to her home in Roseboro after spending sometime here with her sister, Mrs. R. A. Turlington.

Misses Smith and Outlaw have been on a visit with Mrs. J. C. Grady.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Bailey spent Tuesday in Wilson.

Miss Clara Pope of Dunn and Miss Henrietta Smith of Wilson are visiting Miss Lucile Holden for a few days.

Mr. Donald Kirby of Fayetteville arrived in town today to be the guest of his mother, Mrs. J. H. Kirby.

Mrs. D. H. Gilbreath is on a visit to relatives at Guilford college.

Miss Mildred Darden will entertain tonight in honor of her guests.

Miss Janie McNeel has returned home after spending several days at Montreat.

Mr. Geddy Jerome of Rose Hill spent the week end in town.

Miss Hulda Best from Warsaw is spending sometime with Miss Mildred Darden.

Mrs. W. T. Bailey and son, Mr. Dobbin Bailey, spent the week end in Sampson county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. High and Master John Sutton Broughton, have returned home after spending sometime in Fayetteville.

Mrs. J. H. Kirby spent several days in Dunn last week, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Bullock of Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Broughton during last week.

Mr. James Kirby of Dunn spent the week end at home with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Kirby.

Miss Lola Wiggs of Salisbury is on a visit with Mrs. Louis Gaylor.

Relative to Sanitary Conditions.

Mr. L. G. Whitley, Chief Inspector Bureau of Engineering, State Board of Health, was here Wednesday and Thursday looking after the enforcement of the State Sanitary laws. He has made a survey of the town and some of the things he found were not of the kind to appeal to our town pride. He says that he is surprised at the conditions he found at the City Market, in regard to its cleanliness, screening and other matters connected with it. He said he found rubbish and refuse in many backlots which should be removed. He feels that the sanitary conditions of the town are far from what they ought to be. It would not cost much to clean up and keep the town in good condition.

Mr. Whitley has a notice elsewhere in this paper to the property owners of the town in regard to the State Sanitary Privy law. He told us that he was going to return to Smithfield about the first of September and was going to issue warrants for those who were making no efforts to comply with the law.

It is not the policy of The Herald to call attention to the short comings of our town and community, but there comes a time sometimes in the history of most communities when a little constructive criticism does an amount of good. It is because of our love for the town and community that we are calling attention to the criticisms of Mr. Whitley. Sometimes it becomes necessary for the surgeon to do some cutting before his patient gets well.

Let the people of Smithfield all pull together for the cleanest and most progressive town in the State.

Bride of Two Weeks a Suicide.

A bride of two weeks killed herself at Chattanooga, Tenn. Sunday night by firing a bullet into her brain while lying in bed beside her husband. No cause is given for the rash deed.

Negro Lynched in Texas.

A negro in a Texas jail charged with the murder of an aged white woman, was taken from the jail by a mob estimated at a thousand, and lynched Monday.

HIGHER RATES WILL SWELL U. S. TREASURY

Estimated to Add \$100,000,000 Annually to Revenue—Will Increase Taxes—Officials Expect \$22,000,000.00 A Year More from Passengers.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Increased revenues officially estimated at \$100,000,000 annually will accrue to the treasury as a result of the advance in transportation rates allowed the railroads. The added income for the government, officials said tonight, would be derived from increased transportation taxes which are paid by the public, as well as through operation of the income and excise provisions of the revenue laws.

Transportation taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30 aggregated approximately \$231,000,000. This sum was made up from the three per cent tax on freight charges amounting to \$125,000,000; the eight per cent tax on passenger tickets, supplying \$100,000,000, and the eight per cent tax on Pullman charges producing \$6,500,000.

Should railroad traffic continue at its present volume, all of these amounts would be increased correspondingly with the advance permitted by the interstate commerce commission in its rate decision last Saturday. On this basis, officials of the bureau of internal revenue calculate the additional taxes will aggregate \$38,550,000 on freight, \$18,700,000 on passenger and \$3,500,000 on Pullman charges.

Another source of revenue would be from income taxes levied against the railroad corporations. Railroad executives expect many of the carriers to earn sufficiently large returns under the new rates to compel the payment of income taxes for the first time since pre-war days. It is from this source that the treasury expects to obtain a large portion of the remaining \$40,000,000 of their \$100,000,000 estimate. Officials placed the amount from income taxes conservatively at \$30,000,000 a year.

The wage award of \$600,000,000 a year, one of the causes for a rate advance, also will result in producing a certain return to the government, for it places most of the railroad employees within jurisdiction of the income tax laws. Amounts levied on most of the workers will be small, but it was pointed out, the railroad labor army numbers more than 2,000,000 persons. From this number officials believed the taxes would aggregate a "substantial amount, probably \$10,000,000 or more."

Officials also are studying the indirect effect the rate increase will have on revenue produced by the excise and miscellaneous taxes. Practically all of the excise taxes are based on a percentage of the selling prices, as the so-called luxury tax, and they regard it as certain that more revenue will be forthcoming as the prices of commodities move upwards.—Associated Press.

Appointment to Preach.

We are requested to announce that Elder H. F. Peedin will preach at Pleasant View school house on the fourth Sunday in August at three o'clock in the afternoon.

In only twelve states of the forty-eight is the largest city also the capital.

Headquarters Opened in Raleigh

Chairman Thomas D. Warren, of New Bern, has arrived in Raleigh and opened Democratic headquarters at 220 Fayetteville street. Mr. W. T. Joyner, son of ex-State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, will be secretary to the committee. He is a member of the law firm of Burgess & Joyner. He served in France during the World War as a member of the 113th Field Artillery.

Chairman Warren is planning a whirlwind campaign of the State as the closing weeks of the campaign draw near. The Republicans are already making a speaking tour of the State. Governor James M. Cox, the Democratic nominee for President, may come to the State before the close of the campaign.