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## Edgecombe Getting More Than Her Share of Good Roads Furnished by State

The words "Good Roads" are so appealing to the average citizen that every time he hears them mentioned he shouts "yes" and so it was easy for the General Assembly to pass a great road law at its last session. The bill was from all appearances a good law and we have great respect for the Legislature that passed it but it seems that the operation of it is not meeting the expectation of its most ardent advocates and we are beginning to suspect that it was mostly politics. We are printing below a section of the law so that our readers may see for themselves the intent and purposes of the General Assembly from the word of its act:

"To lay out, take over, establish, construct and assume control of approximately 9,000 miles of high, suitable and dependable highways, running to all county seats and to all principal towns, state parks, and principal state institutions, and linking up with state highways of adjoining counties within National Forest Reserves by the most practicable routes, with special view of development of agricultural, commercial and resources of the State, and for the further purpose of permitting the state to assume control of the state highways, repair, construct and reconstruct and maintain said highways at the expense of the entire state and to relieve the counties and cities and towns of the state of this burden."

It will interest all students of geography to look over the roads that have been designated and see whether they fully or even partially fulfill the letter of the law that says "connecting the various county seats, principal towns and cities." A look at the map which goes with the law and from which we take these facts show for the town of Tarboro a straight road leading to the town of Snow Hill, the capital of Green county, which does not touch Edgecombe, that is to say that they are having a special road to the capital of a county that does not join them. They also have a straight road to Wilson in Wilson county which joins Edgecombe and complies with the law in both letter and spirit. The next road leads to Nashville via Rocky Mount, touching a large town and going to the capital of Nash, an adjoining county. Next is a road leading to Halifax via Hobgood, this also complies with the law. Then come the road east, forking at Bethel (Patnele by map in law) for Greenville and Williamston, there is no objection to this, as it is in accord with the law. Edgecombe county also is favored with a road leading from Rocky Mount to Halifax, this is alright as it not only connects principal towns but serves a further and bigger purpose in that it is a traffic trunk from Wilmington, Goldsboro, Fayetteville, Wilson and intermediate towns to the Virginia cities of Petersburg and Richmond, then Washington and points to the north, making it Edgecombe's second best road in consequence. The first being the Blankhead highway from Norfolk, Williamston, Tarboro, Raleigh and on to the west.

We find Washington county has a road passing from Columbia in Tyrrell to Williamston in Martin and one connecting to Pantego in Beaufort, forking and going to Fairfield in Hyde and Washington in Beaufort. In order to go from Washington to Plymouth it is necessary to first go to Pantego in the lower end of Beaufort. Bertie has but one road, the Blankhead highway from the Roanoke bridge to Windsor and on into Hertford county, Martin county has roads outlined to Plymouth, Washington and Tar-

## NEW DEPARTMENT AT STATE COLLEGE

To meet the growing demand on the part of students for business knowledge and training, the Board of Trustees of the College, at their last meeting, established a Department of Agricultural Economics and Business Administration.

The new department, headed by Dr. Carl C. Taylor, will offer four distinct curricula; one in general business administration, one in shop management and manufactures, one in farm business and marketing, and one in rural life. These courses lead to the bachelor of science degree.

The courses in the new department are planned with a appreciation of the fact that a majority of the men who attend an institution teaching agriculture and engineering want thorough training in the technologies of these professions. In some of the curricula it is possible for the student to take, in addition to his business courses, practically a three-year course in one of the technical departments of the College. It is also possible for a student to complete the course and receive a degree in business administration by pursuing full time work in this department for one year after receiving his degree in any other department.

Entrance requirements and full details of the organization and courses are given in a twenty page booklet, just off the press, which may be obtained by addressing: E. B. Owen, Registrar, State College Station, Raleigh, N. C.

## NO STANDARD TYPE OF ROADS

No effort has been made to encourage the construction of any particular type of road in the Federal aid program administered by the Bureau of Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture. The legal requirement that the roads shall be "substantial in character" has not been interpreted to mean that only the most expensive types of roads should be built. It has been recognized that the heavy and expensive construction which is necessary in New York, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania is not suitable or warranted for the less exacting traffic of Nevada, Idaho and the Dakotas.

There is a type of road for every type of traffic. Granite blocks are best around wharves and freight depots; country thoroughfares need to be better than rural side roads, lightly traveled. A number of other considerations have influenced the choice of type in many cases. It is frequently found that suitable local materials cost less than better materials imported from a distance; approval of use of local materials is not infrequently given for the purpose of encouraging local production. In parts of the far West the entire absence of water along a right of way, and the expense of keeping and adequate supply, often makes it necessary to improve the building of a type of construction than can be built without using large quantities of water.

The initial decision as to the type of a particular road is made by the State highway department. The Bureau of Public Roads makes an independent study of the conditions. The judgment of the engineers of the State department and of the Bureau of Public Roads is finally decided upon. The earth, sand-clay and gravel roads which make up 66 per cent of the mileage have cost only about one-fourth of the Federal aid funds used, while, the higher types including cement concrete, brick, and bituminous concrete have called for 60 per cent of the money to build 24 per cent of the mileage.

## CAMPERS LEAVE TOMORROW

John Booker, George Harris, Gaylord Harrison, Bill Harrison, Bryant Carstarphen, Alonzo Hasell, Jr., and William Hodges under the direction and guidance of Mr. Jimmie Lilex will leave tomorrow at seven A. M. by motor for Raeford Beach where they expect to camp for a week. Supplies and equipment have been gathered and the prospects for an allround trip are good.

It would be a "grand and glorious" feeling to get a check on a subscription. It costs us cash every week to buy paper and material, hire printers and pay postage and if those who are just a little behind on subscription could know just how badly we need funds with which to operate, they would walk to town to pay or would send a check by the first mail.

Martin County has the best diversity crop of any county in the United States. It divides its money crops, tobacco, cotton and peanuts equally, this is because of the peculiar fitness of its climate. Corn, cotton, tobacco, potatoes, peanuts, grains, trucks, hogs, sheep, cattle and all domestic fowls flourish in our territory.

Don't forget the musical comedy "The Minister's Wife's New Bonnet" which will be presented at the opera house tonight—Music and fun.

## NOTICE OF SALE

State of North Carolina—County of Martin.

I, J. E. Edmondson, tax collector for the town of Hamilton, have this day levied on the following tracts or parcels of land and will sell the same at public auction for cash at the door of the Bank of Hamilton in Hamilton, N. C., on the 13th day of August, 1921, at 12 M., for town taxes due and unpaid for the year 1920, unless the taxes and costs are paid on or before that date:

**White**

J. R. Bunting, house and lot, taxes, \$17.19; cost, \$2.00, total, \$19.19.  
Hill Peel, house and lot, taxes, \$10.29, cost, \$2.00, total, 12.29.

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Nathan Staton, house and lot, taxes, \$8.88, cost, \$2.00, total, \$2.88.  
Turner Ward, house and lot, taxes, \$8.88, cost, \$2.00, total, \$2.88.  
This, the 12th day of July, 1921.  
J. E. EDMONDSON.

jection but knowing what a great problem we have to solve, insist that the utmost care be exercised in the best way for the most people, for the least money.

## Local News and Personal Mention

Messrs F. W. Graves, A. R. Dunning and J. G. Staton motored to Henderson, N. C. on Monday morning, in the interests of the local tobacco market. It is contemplated getting a large contract for the re-drying plant here and also an additional buyer for the warehouse, representing the Farmers Leaf Tobacco Co.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hasell and children will leave Wednesday morning for Virginia Beach, for a summer vacation.

Prosecutor E. Duke Critcher is spending a few weeks at Virginia Beach, beginning Wednesday morning.

Julius Peel went to Suffolk and Norfolk this morning on business.

C. Dill Carstarphen, Jr. and Cortez Green, are at Virginia Beach for several days.

Mr. Baker, who has been here for the past several days representing the Southern Motor Contest Association, motored to Norfolk Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Tommy Denofa, winner of the Williamston Auto Races, after completing the re-shipment of the racing cars, spent Saturday afternoon in town with friends, and returned to Philadelphia Sunday morning, via Norfolk.

Mr. Frank Hitch is in Rocky Mount on business.

Mr. Lloyd Horton, of Plymouth, Jack Riddick of Scotland Neck and Oleck Clark of Greenville were among the many visitors to the auto races.

Mr. P. W. Balke, owner and driver of car number 9 in the race Friday returned to his home in Norfolk Saturday afternoon in his machine accompanied by Mr. Baker.

Miss Louise Robinson is visiting relatives in Ahoskie.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts, Miss Mary Glaves Watts and Miss Elizabeth Hazell returned Friday by motor from Willoughby Beach, Va. where they have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Watt for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur White spent Sunday with the latter's parents near Washington.

Mr. D. D. Stalls returned yesterday from a business trip to Norfolk.

Mr. Wheeler Martin, Mrs. Oscar Anderson and son, Oscar Jr., and Mr. Mort Stubbs and son motored to Wake Forest Sunday.

Miss Penelope Biggs returned yesterday from St. Vincent's Hospital in Norfolk recuperating from an operation for appendicitis. She was met in Hobgood by her brother, Mr. Charles Biggs.

Mr. Lynox Cox and Mr. Teel Ross of Rocky Mount spent Sunday in town with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Roger spent Sunday in Tarboro with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fraley.

Misses Margaret and Mary Elizabeth Rogers are visiting their aunt Mrs. Fraley in Tarboro.

Mrs. Collin Barnes of Murfreesboro is visiting her mother, Mrs. Alexander Hall Smith this week.

Miss Ruth Roberts returned to her home in Norfolk yesterday accompanied by Miss Margaret Manning who will visit her for a few days.

Mr. J. W. Watts, Jr. is a guest at Courtney Terrace Cottage at Virginia Beach this week.

Mr. Roy Ward of Rocky Mount spent the weekend in town with friends.

Mrs. Fannie S. Biggs, Mrs. Carrie Biggs Williams and daughter, Miss Frances Williams and Mr. Harry A. Biggs leave tomorrow for Buffalo Springs, Va. where they will spend a month.

Miss Minnie Orleans of New York City is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Orleans at their home on Church Street.

Mr. Roland Crawford of Baltimore is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crawford for a few days.

Messrs. Charlie Warren Cahoon and Lloyd Horton of Plymouth spent Sunday in town with friends.

## DENOFA WON ALL PRINCIPAL RACES

(Julius Peel)

What was to have been one of the greatest midsummer celebrations ever held in Martin County under the auspices of the local automobile club, Friday, July 16th, proved a very modest affair, as the entire week was mostly devoted to rain, and on Friday morning the heaviest down-pour yet recorded was in evidence.

All the morning exercises were postponed, and hundreds of people from all over Eastern Carolina phoned here to ascertain or not the program of field day stunts, auto-racing, barbecue, dancing, etc. would be carried out, upon being informed of the rain, decided not to venture out.

However, during the early afternoon the sun shone and the people in Williamston, and the several thousand visitors gathered here, demanded an auto race anyway, and altho the track was entirely wet, the events were well applauded by the large number of spectators, and several thrills included, made everyone pleased with the racing card.

The representative of the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch, who was on hand to report the races, had the following to say in Sunday morning's paper:

**Denofa Sweeps Board at Races in Carolina.**

Williamston, N. C. July 16th. Nearly five thousand people at an auto race at the Martin County Fair Grounds yesterday saw Tommy Denofa piloting an Essex Special from Norfolk sweep the board and set a track record of thirty-four seconds for half mile. Alf Cooper, piloting a Chevrolet Special from Norfolk, went thru the fence, wrecking his car and badly bruising himself.

Alf Cooper experienced a miraculous escape when on the right hand turn in the special track record race, he got mixed up in the loose sand, and crashed into the track fence going at a rate of about fifty miles per hour. The car turned completely over, with Cooper in it, landing back on its wheels. Cooper sustained on his right side bad bruises, but was ably bandaged by Dr. Warren, special surgeon on hand.

Many of the visitors remained in Williamston for the Carnival dance held the same night, and with the local orchestra augmented by other musicians, the music was indeed good. After the dancing at twelve o'clock a number of impromptu parties were held in different parts of the city in honor of friends and visitors.

The post-summer Carnival bill likely be repeated some time in the fall, and carried out in its entirety, as the rainy week prevented a real carnival programme such as was planned.

## UNIQUE PERSONAGE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Uncle Ned Lee bears the distinction of being the oldest citizen of Martin County, he will celebrate his one hundredth birthday September 5, 1921, and has four generations of living descendants. He is half Indian and half colored and has always lived in Williamston Township about ten miles from town. His children are veterans of the Civil War. When asked why he did not visit our town, he replied, that he had heard times were so hard that he expected to see a great change in things and people but venturing out last Saturday he met automobiles, nice looking farm horses and mules on the road and good crops on the way-side so Uncle Ned expects to make visiting a daily habit hereafter. He seems to think the present depression is only a jest compared to some periods of critical times in his life and is assuring in his belief that everything is all right if we will only "sit tight."

## THE TARIFF ON POTASH

The farmers who raised the proposed tariff on potash are now being punished by a tariff on potash. A tariff on potash is strictly a charge against farmers and operates entirely in favor of a few rich concerns who built up a small American industry during the war for which they have been handsomely paid. Now they are to receive tribute from farmers for all time to come so long as the Republican are in power. As we see it there are no people on earth more deserving of pity than the farmer who believes their condition is bettered by a protective tariff and they never get more than a crumb, when they ask for bread they are given a stone. So when a farmer gains a morsel from duties on everything he buys or uses, it will not pay us to trade. Tariff makes the rich richer and the poor poorer.

Miss Essie Peel is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. P. McCraw in Tarboro.

## AUTO LAWS BEING RIGIDLY ENFORCED

The following cases before the mayor last week.

State vs Larry Johnson—Assault, fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs Anna Roberson, Sherry Johnson—Disorderly conduct. Each fined \$3.00 and one half of the cost.

State vs J. W. Watts—Violating automobile law, fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs Henry Gurganus—Violating hog law, fined \$2.00 and cost.

State vs John H. Mizelle—Violating automobile law, fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs T. L. Roberson—Violating automobile law, fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs Cornelius Bryant and John Ison Hyman—Affray, fined \$2.50 and one half of the cost.

State vs Hugh Burras, Jr.—Violating automobile law, fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs John Nicholson—Violating automobile law, fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs Robert Johnson—Violating hog law, fined \$2.00 and cost.

State vs Jordan Slade—Violating hog law, fined \$2.00 and cost.

State vs Thelma Brown—Violating automobile law, fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs H. C. Horton—Violating automobile law, fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs James Griffin—Violating automobile law, fined \$1.00 and cost.

State vs John Hadley—Driving automobile recklessly, fined \$2.00 and cost.

## THE TARIFF

Washington, July 18.—Following their established methods of procedure during this administration of putting the cart before the horse, the Republicans are now in the act of debating and passing a tariff bill when the entire business interests of the country are clamoring for a revision of the tax laws.

The bill is well named the Fordney Bill for "Uncle Joe" Fordney is the Grand Panjandrum of the tariff. To him the tariff is a panacea; it cures corns, warts, bunions and chilblains; prevents falling out of the hair; strengthens the kidneys, cleanses the liver, and is good for what ails you whether anything is the matter with you are not.

It is fashioned on the old line of the Payne Aldrich bill only more so. It is being passed under a gag rule, which prevents amendments except on a few schedules, the House delegating its legislative function to the Ways and Means Committee. The "joker" in the bill is the "American valuation" clause by which the value of the article is fixed at the port of entry and not at the port of shipment. This will make the tariff rates much higher than they appear to be under the schedules of the bill. For instance, as the Philadelphia Record points out:

If a foreign article is valued at \$1 and the same article here is valued at \$2 and the duty, say, is 100 per cent, the value becomes \$4, duty paid. The American manufacturer could raise his price to \$3 or even \$3.50 and undersell his foreign competitor and the Treasury would get no revenue whatever.

Representative Garner (Dem. Tex.) who made the principal speech against the bill declared that under American valuation the present Underwood bill would yield more revenue than the Fordney bill.

Using the duty on straw hats which under the Payne Aldrich bill was 50 per cent and 61 2-5 per cent under the Fordney bill as computed by him, as a basis of comparison, he said that the same scale ran thru the entire 346 pages of the bill.

That the bill will continue, if not so much so, upon any occasion more or less obvious from even a cursory glance at the schedules, in addition to which it is predicted that it will disarrange the entire economies of the country.

The agreement by which the bill is to be voted on July 21 means that it will pass the House on that date by almost a strict party vote, but it may well be doubted if the bill becomes a law before the regular session of Congress this winter, first because a prolonged debate is certain in the Senate with a radical revision of the bill as passed by the House, and secondly, because it is probable that the Senate will take up the tax revision bill as soon as it comes from the House and sidetrack the tariff bill.

## T. W. BRILEY IN JAIL

J. W. Briley who advertised in our columns recently that he would hold any one housing his wife responsible to law is now in the County Jail as a result of beating everybody up at his home and threatening the lives of his wife and children. Briley pleads insanity. There isn't any doubt but that he is insane when he is swept away by his emotions of anger but that is a delirious disease to all of us who have read and history and common sense. He taught us that just about as much as on a bare back will restore a subject to sanity immediately after the application. We strongly advise this medicine for a case like Mr. Brileys.

Mr. J. W. Star has been called to Creswell on account of the serious illness of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnes and son Francis are visiting relatives in Pocomo City, Maryland.

Martin County's Second Annual Fair, September 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1921. The best equipped fair grounds east of Raeligh.

Be getting ready for the great Fair, September 20th—24th. More premiums are to be given than were last year. Prepare to win them.

## NOTICE

If you want a nice tombstone or monument as a memorial to some departed friend or relative see LEON E. STALLS Agent for the famous Georgia Marble Monuments

## MORE INTEREST MUST BE TAKEN IN THE SCHOOLS

For four years prosperity shok us up so that we neglected some of the most important things of life. In fact we had almost reached the point of wild lunacy and had no time or thought for the great branch of our social need—the school. No thought was given to the taking care of the teachers, no attention was spent with the boys and girls in study but we let things roll by in a dour children have caught the fleeting phantom of pleasure and with the leaders of the country we are all plunged deep in the seas of pleasure. All kinds, the good and the bad, the safe and the dangerous have become affected until today it is hard to tell just where we stand. There is one thing we know and that is that the old pleasure craft has struck rock and must change its course or the shores of time will be strewn with the wrecks of human destruction. If the course we have been sailing has been unsafe and dangerous, then we must get the chart and change the compass to the haven of more serious and better thought. We must educate for a higher purpose and better work than we have been performing.

How shall we do it? Nothing will help education more than a strong personal interest and neighborhood cooperation. We must find time to visit the school and look into its work. We must find a way to help the teacher, we must cut some of the commercialism out of the thought of both the teacher and the pupil and put duty and strength of character in its place. We have been taking up too much time teaching children how to make a living rather than how to live a life, we have gone so far along this line that we are more apt to applaud a man with money than we are a man with character.

The modern idea to regulate the educational system from one grand central head-quarter has failed already and it is now apparent that the only need for a central head is for the purpose of help rather than dominance.

Our educators seemed to think that the tree made the roots but they have found their mistake and are willing to admit that the roots make the tree, for it is just as true that our colleges and universities depend on the rural schools for life as it is that a tree depends upon its roots for its life. Every neighborhood needs a teacher and if that neighborhood is doing its duty it will provide a good teacher. When we realize that knowledge is power and that education pays we will increase our zeal for our rural schools. We education reaches the county places as fully as it should, then our state may make rapid advancements with its most valuable product, an educated citizenship. Universal education is our greatest need and the desired equality will come in no other way. In the rural school lies our greatest opportunity. It should not be neglected.

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## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the friends who came to our rescue so nobly Monday afternoon when the fire alarm was given. It is indeed gratifying to know that you are assured of assistance in a crisis of that kind and we again thank each individual who aided us.

HARRISON BROS and CO

**STRAND THEATRE**

—THURSDAY—  
DOUGLAS McLEAN in "THE JAILBIRD" 20c and 40c

—FRIDAY—  
BIG "V" COMEDY—  
"THE ORATOR" 20c  
"Thunderbolt Jack"—No. 14 Sunshine Comedy—"Big Secret" 20c and 30c

—SATURDAY—  
GERALDINE FARRAR in "THE WOMAN AND THE PUPPET" 20c and 30c  
"Ruth of the Rockies"—No. 4 20c and 30c