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The Need for Lateral Roads

Roads are what the people want, and not just some short cuts between the towns. Let us remember last winter, when citizens living on many of the most important roads in our section were imprisoned for months at a time by the impassible roads.

There seems to be an idea prevailing among many town people and quite a number of country folks that the only need is to connect up cities and towns and just go racing along for no particular purpose other than the sweet ride; while those farmers who do not happen to live on the direct routes between towns cannot even get to any kind of road.

Our highway commission has been kicked about long enough by weighty politicians in their efforts to build trade roads for cities and towns to the neglect of villages, hamlets and farmers.

What we need is more lateral roads, enough for everybody, to get to some trading center and to a place of transportation, and not throw all the money away on big bridges and through roads. The rank and file of the people have suffered enough at the hands of a few nests of politicians.

The highway commission should be furnished with the rural school history of last winter and see how many schools had to close because of bad roads; and before they try to please town folks with through roads and fancy bridges, they should give more attention to the downtrodden people living on the rural roads in the country communities.

The Lifeblood of Modern Industry

Petroleum has become the lifeblood of modern industry. It is driving 26,000,000 automobile, thousands of steamers, and all the airplanes. These will all be stilled and many industries will stand idle when the earth ceases to give up its oil.

And oil is the largest taxpayer in the world. Its annual bill is \$1,125,246,826 for Federal, State, and local taxes. It is indeed remarkable how low the price is. The price has dropped from 32 cents in 1920 to 12.90 in 1936—not counting the taxes. Compare this price with those of Europe. We find in Italy the price is 80 cents per gallon; Germany, 53 cents per gallon; France, 52 1-4 cents; England, 30 3-4 cents; In the United States it is 18.82, including the tax.

The progress made in the development of gasoline has kept pace with that in the field of electricity and it produces 1,732,000,000 horsepower, 85 per cent of which is used to operate motor vehicles. In addition, 232,000,000 horsepower are used in farm tractors and in motors to create electric power.

The Republican Onslaught

The old guard Republicans are trying to scare the Democrats and the public by telling them of the grave dangers just ahead. They say that Roosevelt is going to ruin the country, when they well know there is no truth in the story.

Business is good and rapidly growing better. The mills are crowded with orders; practically everybody is able to pay income tax and pay all their other taxes and interest, as well as some on the principal.

The cry that we will never be able to pay the public debt we have contracted to save our people from starvation is entirely untrue. We can easily pay it out of the money that has been gouged out of the working man and the farmer during former administrations and have money left.

Beware of false gods. Remember the days when

you could not pay your way and get enough to eat, while Mr. Morgan was making millions. As long as the Mellons, DuPonts, and Morgans were making millions the Republicans were all satisfied; but just as soon as general prosperity was brought about they claim everything went wrong.

Remember that the government is better able to owe money than you are; and with the Republicans in power nationally, both you and your government will be in debt.

The Search for Happiness

We do not take time to travel life's highway soberly and quietly. If we should, we would find much joy in life that we pass by and never see.

We seem to have no time for anything except making money. We get none of the sweet aroma from the wild flowers by the wayside; we can get only a passing glimpse of the beautiful growing crops in the fields; and we have no time for anything beautiful. It is only the mad onrush that connects time and eternity, and all is past and gone.

New methods and new opportunities seem to have crazed us. Things are so unlike they were in days past, when we had to depend on the slower methods of transportation and found more time for our social duties than we do now—when we have little time for anything except dancing and playing cards. We find no time to visit the sick, little time to bury the dead. Very few of us have the time to entertain the preacher or our friends. And while we seem to be in a continual search for pleasure, we never seem to find it; and doubtless would not understand it if we met it.

We seem to have changed worlds in these latter days; physical conditions having made such great changes in our lives.

Tobacco Is King

Sampson Independent

Prices paid on the opening of the border tobacco markets last week are encouraging, not only to the tobacco growers, but to others as well. The tobacco crop has become the chief source of revenue for the farmers of all this section of the state. Sotton may still be king in some sections of the South, but it has been succeeded on the throne by tobacco in Eastern North Carolina.

Due to Providence, a short crop of tobacco is predicted for this year. And it has ever been the case that a short crop of tobacco or cotton brings more money to the growers than a large crop. Two years ago the acreage was reduced and the price was satisfactory. Last year the acreage was increased, and the seasons favorable, the result being lower prices. This year the acreage was increased, but weather conditions held down the production.

If prices hold up in keeping with the opening, then business should, and will, be good during the fall and winter months.

Why He Went Crazy

Sampson Independent.

This story, with various modifications, has been doing duty for a good while, but for the benefit of those who have not chanced to run across it we tell it again.

It concerns an inmate of a lunatic asylum, who, on being asked by a visitor how he got that way, replied:

"It all started when I married a widow with a grown-up daughter. Then my father, being a widower, married the daughter. That made my step-daughter my step-mother, and my father became my step-son; my wife also becoming the mother-in-law of her father-in-law.

"Then my step-mother had a son, who was my brother, being my father's son; but as the boy was the grandson of my wife, he was also my grandson.

"Then my wife and I had a son. My father's wife is my son's half-sister, and also his grandmother. Now it is easy to see that my father became my step-son by marrying my step-daughter. Therefore, being my father's father, I am also my own grandfather."

The visitor stopped the lunatic at this point, thoroughly satisfied as to why he went crazy.

Good News for the District

Citizens of the First Congressional District will be glad to know that Congressman Warren will not resign his seat in Congress to accept a higher position in the councils of government.

Congressman Warren has followed a course quite different from that of many other servants of the people, who are so apt to develop into job-holding politicians just as soon as they get in office. He has added to his experience as he has gone along to reach a plane of statesmanship, and he has remained with the people and served them—a course to be much admired and highly appreciated.

The Williamston Fair

Sept. 28th — Oct. 3rd, 1936

WILLIAMSTON, N. C.

'Eastern Carolina's Greatest Event'

6 BIG DAYS 6 BIG NIGHTS

\$1,500.00 Offered in Agricultural Premiums for Martin and Surrounding Counties.

Tuesday, September 29—"Children's Day" for Martin and adjoining counties.

All school children under 16 years of age admitted free to main gate up to 4 p. m.; also children under 16 free in Grandstand Tuesday AFTERNOON ONLY.

Wednesday - Thursday - Friday—Two Harness Horse Races each day, featuring some of the fastest-steppers in the country.

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October 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 1936

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14th—Governor's Day.

THURSDAY, OCT. 15th—North Carolina Day—Farmer's Homecoming Day.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16th—North Carolina School Children's Day.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17th—Professional Automobile Races, AAA Sanction.

Harness Horse Racing — Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

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Week of October 19th

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Week of October 26th
Week of October 26th

Rocky Mount

Week of November 2nd

PROGRAM FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY, AUG. 30

TRIO THEATRE — ROBERSONVILLE

Sunday August 30
"36 HOURS TO KILL"—with BRIAN DONLEVY - GLORIA STUART

Monday August 31
"Straight From the Shoulder" with RALPH BELLAMY, Katherine LOCKE
Tuesday September 1st
"Oh SUSANNAH" - Gene AUTRY
Adm. 10c To All Show Begins 10 A. M.

Wednesday September 2
"EARLY TO BED"—with CHARLES RUGGLES AND MARY BOLAND

Thursday-Friday September 3-4
"HEARTS in BONDAGE" with JAMES DUNN - MAE CLARKE
Saturday September 5
"LONELY TRAIL" with JOHN WAYNE