

## SECRETARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WRITES UPON COUNTY ROADS PROBLEM

### Condition Of Roads Not The Fault of Men In Charge But Is Question of Class of Roads We Have Been Content With In The Past

### MODERN METHODS OF TRAVEL DEMAND BETTER HIGHER CLASS ROADS

(By R. G. Shackell, Secretary Edgecombe Chamber of Commerce)  
Good roads are an essential factor with every man in Edgecombe county, in fact you can scarce find a human being who is not more or less interested in good roads, so the subject is an opportune one.

The winter has passed, perhaps the worst winter in many years for the roads, and through that dreary time we have been tantalized day after day with the doubt as to whether we could safely make this or that trip through the county and have frequently been held up for days on account of the impassability of the roads of Edgecombe which, in the past, had been our pride.

The fault of the condition of the roads is not one that can be charged to the authorities whose duty it is to make and repair the roads. It is more the question of the class of roads we have been content with in the past and the greater the class the roads in the present.

Not so long ago our farmers were content with hauling five hundred pounds of fertilizer or produce at a time, but now they do not think they are sufficiently loaded unless they carry twenty-five hundred pounds and frequently this is done on a heavy motor truck.

The advent of the motor vehicle is another cause for the roads being in the condition in which we now find them for the sand clay roads will not stand the suction strain that goes with the rapidly moving automobile mounted on pneumatic tires.

Roads may be dragged until doomsday but that does not give them permanence. It merely pulls into the ruts and holes the muck with which our roads are now covered, this being sand that has been worn out and every binding quality it once had long since lost. If you wish to prove this statement run your car directly behind the road drag. You will see quite a nice, smooth road after the drag has passed over, but your car will experience the same jolts and ruts as before the road dragging had been done. This shows that while the holes are apparently filled there is no binding quality in the surface sand for the sharpness has been used up.

What then is the solution to the road problem of Edgecombe county? There is but one. All main artery roads must be hard surfaced and until this is done there is no hope for good roads in the county.

Many say that this cannot be done because it is too expensive. It is costly, we admit, but the cost is but a trifle to the loss of time of man and beast, which is the most valuable thing we have today. Money is cheap, but time, and that includes labor, is the most precious thing we possess.

A man may be possessed of millions but if he is debarred from putting his money to work he has but mere scraps of paper, or mere acres of land.

These are just thoughts given our readers to encourage them to also think and express themselves. If there can be found a better solution, and someone will make known that solution, it will be a happy day for Edgecombe county for we are all suffering from this unsolved problem.

## NOTICE

The Girls' Friendly Society will hold its recreation meeting tomorrow, Thursday evening, at the home of Mrs. Frank Hart, at 8 o'clock.

## LEGGETTS GIRLS CLUB LEARN SALAD MAKING

The Girls' Cooking Class of Leggetts met on Tuesday morning for a lesson in Salad Making, making cooked dressing and cream dressing, and serving each with a fruit salad. They were interested in the study of the part salads play in the diet, and points in salad making as presented to them by the county agent. Leggetts girls can cook!

## TODAY'S NEWS OF TARBORO 20 YEARS AGO

**A Runner—**Lee Bullock is the champion pedestrian of Lancaster. Yesterday, on foot, he went fox hunting with a crowd mounted. He was in at the finish and "tailed" the fox. It is estimated that in the chase of about three hours, he covered a distance of at least twenty-nine miles.

**Body Bound—**Last night while fishing, Levin Causeway found the body of Tom Square, the colored man who was drowned here a few days ago. He tied the body to a tree, and there it remains so far as has been heard. The find was made about a mile below Old Sparta.

**Fire Drill—**Fulton Fire Co., No. 3, Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock will have a practice drill and some running races. The mayor has been invited to address the company and has consented to do so. George Lucas is foreman.

Ward meetings on the 26th.

Superior Court begins Monday.

The streets are yet much in need of a road machine.

Fishermen say that the run of shad in the river is less than ever known.

Two cooks at the convict camp on the East Carolina railway escaped Tuesday.

Now that the cotton mills are running it is time that a knitting mill be being organized.

The strike on the Southern continues. Two freight trains each way have gone through though.

At the ward meetings a resolution requesting the removal of the Wilson monument would not be a bad idea.

The new State Executive committee, chosen by the convention, held its first meeting at Raleigh and elected the Hon. F. M. Simmons chairman.

Now let the White Supremacy clubs be formed in ever township in the county. The Edgecombe Democracy must always be on the firing line.

The Congress convention for this district comes at not the most favorable time for Tarboro Democrats, as both the Medical convention and the Criminal court will be in session here.

McKinley continues in the same mind about wanting the Republican nomination for himself.

## Alumnae Of N. C. College For Women To Organize

For the first time since its organization, the Business Woman's Club enjoyed a social session last evening. The club rooms were open to all the members and a dozen or more called.

Some served and crocheted, a few read, magazines of all kinds being in evidence; a group played rook, while two sedate maids recalled their childhood days with the youthful game of checkers. Business, work of all kinds, was forgotten and an informal, good time prevailed. The beloved president appeared with a huge box of parched peanuts and the joy of all was complete.

The hostesses committee had prepared a little stunt. Misses Young and Austin chose sides. The right hand of each was tied in a paper bag, no one imagining what was to follow. When all had been tied, they were told to shake hands until the bags were worn out. This caused much fun and all are looking forward to next Tuesday when the club rooms are again open to all the members.

## DR. ANGELL ELECTED PRESIDENT CARNEGIE INSTITUTE IN NEW YORK

(By The Associated Press)  
New York, April 14.—Dr. James Rowland Angell has been elected president of the Carnegie Foundation Institute, it has been announced here.

## PRESIDENT'S SABINET TO DISCUSS STRIKE QUESTION

(By The Associated Press)  
Washington, April 14.—The president's cabinet has been assembled to discuss the railroad strike. Attorney General Palmer presented complete reports from the Department of Justice Field Agents who have been investigating the strike.



**"THE FATHER OF THE MAN"**  
THIS is "Jimmy" towheaded, with an eye that meets yours unwaveringly and as winsome a ladie as ever knelt for bedtime prayers. Jimmy is one of more than 25,000 homeless or poor children yearly cared for by the Salvation Army in the United States, and he lives in one of the Army's many orphanages. "Send me a papa and mamma!" is the burden of "Jimmy's" nightly pleas. "And—oh, God bless the Salvation Army!" he almost invariably adds. The Salvation lassies find full as much enjoyment in caring for "Jimmy" and his thousands of brothers and sisters as they did in frying doughnuts for doughboys and marines in France. If the child is father to the man, they argue, the father must have a good bringing up. And so the chain of fifty Salvation Army orphanages, day nurseries and children's hospitals that stretch from coast to coast.

## PINETOPS' NEWS

In the Woodmen's Hall at Pinetops, N. C., on Saturday, April 17th, the ladies of the Methodist church expect to conduct a "White Sale." Besides a variety of garments the ladies will have on sale a number of useful articles for the home. In preparing for the outward man, they have also kept in mind the inward. A dinner of barbecue, chicken salad, cream, cake, etc., will be served. Remember the date, April 17th, and come.

The girls of the Pinetops Cooking Club met on Monday for a lesson in the making of "Quick Breads," making spoon bread and baking powder biscuits. They were greatly interested in the general recipes for batters and dough which were given as follows:

Four batter—1 cup liquid to 1 cup flour.

Drop batter—1 cup of liquid to 2 cups flour.

Soft dough—1 cup liquid to 3 cups of flour.

Hard dough—1 cup of liquid to 4 cups of flour.

For each cup of flour 1 1/2 teaspoons of baking powder should be used.

For each cup of flour 1 tablespoon lard should be used.

For each cup of liquid 1 teaspoon salt should be used.

They also took up the different kinds of baking powder, how baking powder is made, the value of baking powder and other leavening agents in bread making.

The girls told the county agent that they enjoyed the lesson, and asked to meet in May for a lesson in Salad Making.

## TWO ITALIAN AVIATORS KILLED WHEN THEIR PLANE CRASHES TO THE GROUND

(By The Associated Press)  
Karachi, India, April 14.—Captain Gordeco and Lieutenant Grass, the two Italian aviators who were engaged in a flight from Rome to Tokio were killed today on the shores of the Persian Gulf when their machine crashed to the ground.

## GONZALES WITHDRAWS FROM MEXICAN RACE

(By The Associated Press)  
Washington, April 14.—Private advices received from Nueve Loredo say that Gonzales has withdrawn from the race for the Mexican presidency, has asked Obregon Bonillas to do the same, and has called upon Carranza to resign. Gonzales said that the Supreme Court should name a provisional president for the country. Gonzales has rejoined his command.

## BRYAN AT WYHAR, NEBRASKA

(By The Associated Press)  
Wyhar, Neb., April 14.—William Jennings Bryan favoring an anti-profitting Democratic platform spoke here last night.

## POISONING THE BOLL WEEVIL

Extensive Trials Show That Calcium Arsenate Properly Applied Is a Profitable Means of Controlling the Boll Weevil—Method Perfected by Government Experts.

C. A. Whittle Boll Improvement Committee.

Calcium arsenate, the boll weevil poison, was applied to more than 100,000 acres of cotton in Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas during the season of 1919, under the direction of government experts. The results obtained lead them to state that a saving of 500 pounds of seed cotton to the acre were not an unusual matter, and, in some cases, as much as 1,000 pounds were protected from the weevil.

These savings have been made at an outlay of from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per acre, which includes cost of materials, labor and reasonable charge for depreciation of machinery. At the price at which cotton is now selling this would indicate that it is well worth while to poison the boll weevil. It is advised by those who have perfected this means of holding the weevil in check that the additional cost of growing cotton should not be assumed on very low yielding acres, therefore cotton should be grown on the better land and be fertilized so as to produce maximum yields.

In combating the weevil with poison, it is not possible to exterminate it, but the object is to control it so that they will not destroy more squares of the cotton than would naturally shed. This, it has been found, can be done, thus assuring the farmer that he can grow a full crop under boll weevil conditions.

**When to Begin Poisoning**  
Poison is not applied until about 10 to 15 per cent of the squares have been punctured. The time to begin can be determined by going into the field in various places, counting a hundred squares taking all on each plant, and if ten to fifteen out of each 100 is destroyed, the spraying can begin. In large fields it is frequently found that the weevils begin near the woods. The poisoning should begin there and need not be put all over the field until the infestation has extended to all parts of it.

**How Frequent and Often to Poison**  
It has been found that if the spraying begins when about 10 per cent of the squares are punctured and if repeated every four days that as a rule three sprayings are all that is necessary. If weather interferes and the applications are more than four days apart, then more of them must be made.

**Amount Required Per Acre and Cost**  
From five to seven pounds of calcium arsenate are required to thoroughly dust an acre. At the present time the cost of calcium arsenate is 25 cents per pound. With experience in applying the poison, and a good machine, five pounds of calcium arsenate can be made to do the work satisfactorily.

**Applied When Dew is On**  
Since the weevil is poisoned by drinking dew which has been poisoned, it is necessary to apply the poison while the dew is on the plants. It is customary to put it on at night, using good lights with which to see how to do the work.

**Machines Required**  
Unless a farmer can get a desirable machine, it is better not to undertake to use poison. The calcium arsenate must be forced into the atmosphere from a machine that will form a dust cloud. This dust will settle on all parts of the plant.

Three types of machines are to be had, a hand gun that is suitable for twenty-five acres and under, cart sprays and power sprays for larger operations. Various types of machines are tested by Professor Coad and associates at Tallulah, La., and they will give information as to which are satisfactory. In this connection, these government men will also analyze samples of calcium arsenate without charge to see if they conform to specifications. It is essential that the material conform exactly to specifications.

A few simple precautions are all that is necessary to prevent harm to farm animals and operators of the machines, such as muzzling the horses and the men washing before eating. If Calcium Arsenate is not all used one season it can be carried over the next and be just as good for use then. It does not deteriorate if kept in a dry place.

Some few farmers have tried calcium arsenate and claim to have obtained no desirable results. A number of these failures have been investigated and almost invariably it has been found that the reason they failed is that they did not follow instructions.

It is not considered advisable for a group of farmers to co-operate in buying a large machine to apply the poison for the reason that the period when poison must be applied is brief, and if weather interferes to some extent, it would be found that all the farmers would want the use of the machine at the same time.

It Pays To Advertise

## SEE AMERICA FIRST TOURS ARE PLANNED FOR POLITICIANS

Democratic National Committee Opens Transportation Bureau For Delegates

### POINTS OF INTEREST ARE INCLUDED IN TOURS

(By Associated Press)  
Chicago, April 14.—A new departure in political convention management has been launched by the Democratic National Committee, which has opened a transportation Bureau here to care for the delegates, alternates and spectators who will go to San Francisco to attend the convention June 28.

The shortage of railroad equipment and the flood of traffic on all roads is responsible for the innovation. "See America First" tours to points of interest in the west, including Yellowstone Park, the Grand Canyon, Los Angeles and others, are being planned by the democrats as a lure to attract at least a part of the travelers westward two or three weeks before the convention, thereby spreading the burden on the railroads over a long period.

For the return trip from San Francisco a system has been worked out whereby the visitors can buy east-bound tickets within thirty-six hours after the convention opens, the tickets to call for return passage eight hours after the convention closes. The biggest problem in convention transportation has always been the return trip, as the day and hour for the close is always uncertain.

E. K. Bixby, a transportation official of the Pennsylvania railroad system, has been loaned to the Democratic committee to take charge of the transportation bureau. He has obtained the cooperation of the association of western passenger agents and the Pullman company has promised him first call for its parlor car equipment.

The transportation committee of the national democratic committee, which is directing the work, includes Charles Boeschenstein, Illinois, chairman; Isidora B. Dockweiler, Calif.; W. W. Marsh, Iowa; Fred B. Lynch, Minn.; and Patrick H. Quinn, Rhode Island.

## Educational Conference Is Called At Washington

(By The Associated Press)  
Washington, April 14.—Commissioner of Education Claxton has called a meeting of the representative citizens of every state in the union to meet in Washington on May 19 to 21 to consider the present problem of education.

## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS PLAN FOR FIGHTING HIGH COST LIVING

(By The Associated Press)  
Washington, April 14.—The Federal Trade Commission today recommended improved marketing facilities in all great distributing centers as a step toward reducing the high cost of living.

## PERSONALS

—M. G. Mann is expected to return from New York today.

—The friends of Mr. Annie Hart will be pleased to learn that she is much better today.

—Miss Eliza Pender is visiting in Plymouth.

—Mrs. Lawrence Sprunt has returned to her home in Wilmington after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Nash.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Lipscombe, and little grand-son, Oscar Walker, have returned from Richmond.

—Mrs. J. E. Harris has been confined to her bed since Sunday on account of illness.

## SOFT DRINKS JOIN THE H. C. L. RANKS

On account of the raise in price of soft drink syrups the drug stores in Tarboro will raise the price of the present seven cent drinks to ten cents. This ten cent price will include the war tax. The habitual "dope" drinker will in the future have to "pony up" the little dime instead of the "jitney" plus the war tax. Those drinks which are at present retailing for 15 cents, or over, will remain at the same price at the drug stores.