

MANY DISCUSS NEW ROAD BILL

One Feature in Cohoon's Measure Seems to Have Escaped Attention

Considerable agitation is felt in the county as the provisions of the good road bill, introduced by W. L. Cohoon at this session of the legislature, and now a law, become generally known.

The provision which is drawing forth most comment is the one prohibiting property owners from draining their land into the road ditches or from digging ditches parallel with the public roads. This provision will necessitate many changes in the drainage system of some of the county's property owners and will work considerable hardship to them. They are given six months to make the changes, however.

It is the claim of friends of the bill that the roads of the county are ruined by the deep ditches paralleling them on both sides. Water stands in these ditches more or less all the time and seeping through and rising in the road bed keeps it wet and muddy thru out the winter season.

This is the bill on which before leaving for Raleigh Cohoon got the endorsement of the Farmers Union and the county commissioners. It creates a county high way commission and names J. T. McCabe, W. J. Albertson, and Jesse J. Morris as commissioners. J. P. Thompson is secretary to the commission at a salary of twenty five dollars a month.

The commission shall hold not more than six meetings in a year, and no meeting shall last longer than two days. The members of the commission shall receive five dollars for each day that they are engaged in holding a meeting.

VOTING CONTEST BEGINS TO-MORROW

The ladies of City Road Church will conduct a voting contest, beginning tomorrow, March 6th, for the benefit of the church.

Children from one to six years of age may enter this contest and votes for any contestant will be sold at one cent each. Prizes will be awarded the most popular at the end of the contest.

Deans and the Albemarle Pharmacy will be the polling places and the contest will last until Saturday, March 27th.

FUN AT THE ALKRAINA

Manager Kramer, who is always looking for first class amusement for the patrons of his theatre is announcing an additional attraction in the advertising columns of this paper this week. Amusement lovers who let an advertisement from Mr. Kramer go by usually regret it, and they will do well to find his advertisement in this issue.

BETTER ROADS FOR CURRITUCK

New Commissioners Will Probably Take Definite Action Soon

Currituck County's new commissioner, elected last year on the progressive platform, have now about caught up the ends of the various threads of county management and are making plans to get the county out of debt and to improve road conditions in Currituck.

The question of financing the county affairs in a business like way is, of course, taking precedent in the minds of the commissioners. They will make the tax levy in May and are anxious that it may be made as low as possible but at the same time are determined that it must meet the actual needs of the county. Speaking to a reporter of this newspaper the other day, one of the board said that he was convinced that the present deficit is due to failure to list property at its true value or to list it at all. It is his idea that the board this year, when the list takers are appointed, should appoint two men to sit in each township and together with the property owners to determine the proper valuation to be placed upon all the property in that township. "These men," he continued, "should be chosen with great care. They should be the county's best, most intelligent and successful citizens. They would know the conditions and the value of their own property in the first part of the county and would know all property in a fair and equal assessment."

The county board, and the whole county, for that matter, are wide awake, too, on the question of good roads. New supervisors have just been appointed and Representative Hampton has provided that the matter of a bond issue for good roads shall be submitted to the people during the coming year. Whether this hundred thousand dollar bond issue, which many seem to think would be excessive, will be voted or not, it is a reasonably safe bet that Currituck County will have good roads or, at least, better roads in the very near future. Speaking on this subject, a member of the board said to the editor of this newspaper that while he was not in favor of bonding the county to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars and putting the very heavy interest tax upon the people, he was in favor of the county borrowing say ten thousand dollars a year each year for the next few years, to put on its roads until good roads have been established from one end of it to the other. It is his idea that this loan could be met each year by the levy of a road tax similar to the school tax now in force.

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HIGH SCHOOLS DEBATE THIS MONTH

Chapel Hill, N. C., March 3rd.—A great interest in North Carolina is being aroused and maintained in the approaching Snowball contest of the High School Debating Union. This interest centers in its scope, boys and girls, men and women schools, rural communities, small towns, and large cities.

Two hundred and fifty schools, representing 20 counties of the State, with one thousand of their best, all told, now have their earnest attention and effort centered on the triangular debates which will occur on March 26th. All of the schools, winning both of their triangular debates will send their teams to Chapel Hill on April 9th to compete in the final contest for the Aycock Memorial Cup. This cup is the trophy which the inter-collegiate debaters of the University have provided for the school which wins, finally. It was won in 1913 by the Pleasant Garden high school and in 1914 by the Winston-Salem high school.

The question to be discussed this year is one of much timeliness: "Resolved, That the United States should adopt the policy of subsidizing its merchant marine engaged in foreign trade." At present only 8.9 per cent of American shipping is carried under the American flag. The high school debaters in their eager search for vantage ground in the debates will thoroughly thresh out the subsidy as a means of building up the marine. It must be that these debates will have a wonderfully instructive effect upon the 50,000 or more North Carolina judges who will make up the final and cross.

Delegates from other States, as to the nature and conduct of the debating Union come regularly to Roper, N. C. R. Rankin, from the State universities of Virginia, Florida, Kentucky, and California, have come inquiring about North Carolina's system of debating. The University and the high schools have given to the States a debate system which serves as a standard wherever it is known.

The Elizabeth City high school is in a triangle with the Washington and New Bern schools.

WOMEN ON SCHOOL BOARD

The bill to amend the graded school laws of Elizabeth City, which was introduced in the State Legislature by W. L. Cohoon, has become a law. This new bill provides for two women on the school board, which has been increased to ten members. Mrs. A. B. Houtz and Miss Lilly Grandy are named in the act as the first two ladies to hold this position.

FOR SALE!

FOR SALE. One black mare sound and solid guaranteed to work in all harness, weighs about 850 or 900 lbs. Can be seen at my place on Rum road one half mile from Elizabeth City. Will sell cheap for cash. W. THOMAS HARRIS.

BIG PORKER IN GATES

Elizabeth City, N. C., March 3rd.—Speaking of large boys, I wish to say that a slight one and Mr. Robert Riddick of Tarboro had led me yesterday as I pointed out on the river, one month ago Mr. R. M. Riddick, of Tarboro, had a weight of 250 lbs., six inches in height, 20 inches around the body, 25 inches around the chest, weighing nine hundred and 25 lbs. on the scale and \$15.00 in gold. This boy was two years old and was half Poland China and half Berkshire. This information was given me by Mr. R. M. Riddick, Jr. Yours truly, ROBERT R. TAYLOR.

BURGON-CRAFT

Roper, N. C., March 1st.—On February 24th, Miss Gertrude Craft was married to Mr. Carl Burgon of Staunton, N. C.

Mr. Burgon is a prosperous young farmer of Staunton, Va. Miss Craft is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Craft of Roper. The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace, F. S. Blount. Mr. and Mrs. Burgon will make their home in Staunton, Va. Their many friends here extend congratulations and best wishes.

Roper, N. C., March 1st.—Messrs. R. T. Chesson and J. E. White spent a few days in Norfolk this week on business.

Mr. J. C. Buchanan has resided at the Mountain in the old residence of Mr. Angus Stewart as a student.

Mr. and Mrs. Romaine are on their way to the States for a few days. They will be in the States for a few days.

Mr. M. L. Hall of the States spent his day with his family.

Mr. R. T. Chesson, accompanied by Messrs. J. F. Leary and C. H. Parish, motored to Washington Sunday, returning home Monday night.

HERMIT FOUND DEAD

A white man named Cooper, known to the residents of Camden County as "The Hermit" was found dead Friday afternoon in his shanty at the Sound Landing.

Cooper was about seventy years old and had lived for many years alone in a cabin in the wood near the sound shore. He was an eccentric character and little is known about him, as he lived alone and did not cultivate acquaintance with neighbors. He moved to Camden County about twenty years ago. He has two children, a son and a daughter, whom he placed in homes before moving to Camden County.

Miss Mary Craft, who has been visiting Miss Nettie Midgette on Southern Avenue has returned to her home in Roper.

Louis O. Midgette returned yesterday from a visit to Plymouth and Roper.

ANTI-JUG BILL UP IN THE AIR

Senate Wants Referendum But House Says No

The anti-jug law which passed the house by an overwhelming majority some time ago has been attracting more statewide attention perhaps than any other measure before the solons at Raleigh at this session. It seemed to be doubtful at first whether the measure would pass at all but opposition in the house melted away before overwhelming petitions and opposition in that body when it came to a vote was negligible.

In the senate, on the other hand, the history of the bill looked at first as if it would be passed with some of the teeth drawn, but on Tuesday of this week the senate voted 26 to 22 to let the question be settled by a referendum to the people. When the measure went back to the house for ratification on its amendments, however, the House refused to concur with the senate on this question and the anti-jug law is up in the air unless something was done yesterday. The bill is in the hands of a conference committee from both Houses.

MRS. FANNIE WICKER DEAD

Kennel Island, N. C., March 1st.—Mrs. Fannie Wicker died February 28th at the home of R. S. May, where she had lived for six years. She was ninety-two years of age and a member of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Wicker was the widow of the late J. W. Wicker of this place. She was an excellent woman and had been a member of the Methodist Church here for seventy-five years. The funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by Rev. Ferdinand Bonney and interment followed in the family burying ground.

MORGAN-NORRIS

Bart Morgan of Pasquotank County and Miss Lizzie Mae Norris of South Mills were married Sunday afternoon by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden.

U. D. C. SERVES REFRESHMENTS

The D. H. Hill chapter U. D. C., will serve refreshments this evening and all day tomorrow (Saturday) at the office of the Southern Gas Improvement Company on Poindexter street. A two course luncheon will be served for 25 cents, and the proceeds will be turned over to the work of the organization. A cordial invitation is extended by the chapter.

NOW TAKING ORDERS for White Rock baby chicks, 10 cents each, with allowance of 10 per cent on every purchase.

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THE FISH BILL BECOMES LAW

Has Now Passed Both Houses Of State Assembly

The state wide fish commission bill passed the House of Representatives at Raleigh after midnight Tuesday by a small majority, after four hours of the most bitter and acrimonious debate that has been heard during this session.

This is the measure with a few minor amendments added which was passed in the senate some time ago where it had comparatively easy sailing. It was in the interest of seeing such a measure as this enacted into law W. L. Cohoon said during the last campaign, which brought him out as a candidate for the state senate. The bill was also voted for by Mr. Small in the house who made a strong speech in favor of it. Mr. Small said the question was whether it was a State wide measure and whether we want to conserve the fishing industry of the state. He declared that it was not a local measure, but State wide. He declared that the East could never settle this question among themselves, that the same row would bob up every two years, and would continue to come up before every Legislature until Gabriel blows his horn, and asked the state to take hold and settle the question. He said that Virginia had this law and that while the industry there amounted for more than seven million North Carolina, which had better facilities for the fishing industry, amounted to scarcely more than a million dollars.

The strongest opponent to the bill was Mr. Davis of Carteret. He said he would not ask for the defeat of the bill if his county and the other coastal counties were exempted from the provisions of the act. He claimed that the bill combined both executive and judicial powers which was contrary to the constitution. "When," he cried, "has it become law that the great free State of North Carolina can arrest a man without a warrant?" Twenty five counties, he said, would be vitally affected and he asserted that it will cost the State \$74,000 a year to carry out the provisions of the bill. He was in favor of conservation of fish but declared with the exception of section 23 which prohibits edible fish from being used as fertilizer there was nothing else in the bill looking to the conservation of fish. He took a shot at the present fish commissioner of the State who he declared "had been here lobbying for the bill when it would have been better for him to have stayed at home on his job." He asked the House to stand by him and not drive the poor fishermen of his county and other counties to the wall. Don't he said, "ram down the throats of my people this iniquitous law."

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