

MACON COUNTY TO GET \$19,472

Other Counties To Profit Under Proposed Gasoline Tax Law

Raleigh, Jan. 17.—The State Highway Commission today gave its approval to the movement to increase the state gasoline tax one cent a gallon but with the reservation that the additional money collected should form a special fund to be expended by it on county roads under an allotment according to the area and population of the various counties.

The commission's views on road legislation were presented to a joint meeting of the Senate and House roads committees in the form of a rough-draft bill. In addition to the road bill, the commission also recommended enactment of a highway patrol bill. The form of the latter bill was not suggested.

Besides the gasoline tax, the road bill provided that the counties should reduce their ad valorem taxes in proportion to the amount of money allotted from the special highway fund. Under a scale worked out by the commission on the basis of a \$2,500,000 fund, the amount received by each county would range from \$57,840 for Wake, to \$7,924 for Clay. Allotment of the fund in the proposed plan would be one-half according to the area and one-half according to the population of the county in proportion to the total population and area of the state.

Administration Plan

The plan of administration of the fund, as set forth in the bill, would be for the county commissioners to confer with highway officials after the allotment had been made. On recommendation of the commissioners, the money allotted would then be spent for engineering aid, road equipment, to build bridges and roads, or to maintain roads. In

Franklin, \$25,021; Gaston, \$34,344; Gates, \$14,373; Graham, \$10,023; Granville, \$26,020; Green, \$14,372; Guilford, \$56,440; Halifax, \$38,693; Harnett, \$28,895; Haywood, \$25,471; Henderson, \$18,097; Hertford, \$16,697; Hoke, \$16,422; Hyde, \$19,922; Iredell, \$33,619; Jackson, \$19,197; Johnson, \$44,617; Jones, \$15,572; Lee, \$13,248; Lenoir, \$24,446; Lincoln, \$16,397; Macon, \$19,472; Madison, \$20,996; Martin, \$21,421; McDowell, \$19,546; Mecklenburg, \$54,715; Mitchell, \$10,973; Montgomery, \$19,922; Moore, \$28,645; Nash, \$35,069; New Hanover, \$25,346; Northampton, \$24,246; Onslow, \$26,220; Orange, \$18,747; Pamlico, \$13,398; Pasquotank, \$14,347; Pender, \$28,145; Perquimans, \$11,898; Person, \$19,297; Pitt, \$38,343; Polk, \$10,773; Robeson, \$52,091; Randolph, \$35,669; Richmond, \$25,846; Rockingham, \$36,419; Rowan, \$34,069; Rutherford, \$29,295; Sampson, \$40,318; Scotland, \$16,572; Stanley, \$24,071; Stokes, \$22,371; Surry, \$29,195; Swain, \$20,646; Transylvania, \$14,297; Tyrell, \$12,373; Union, \$32,094; Vance, \$18,297; Wake, \$57,840; Warren, \$21,446; Washington, \$13,972; Watauga, \$14,372; Wayne, \$35,944; Wilkes, \$34,794; Wilson, \$27,545; Yadkin, \$16,322; Yancey, \$15,022.—Asheville Citizen.

DID MACON DONATE \$325,000?

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therein until after the State Highway Commission has first applied such state highway funds as may hereafter accrue to the credit of Macon County for the construction of the said Route 28 in a manner satisfactory to the State Highway Commission. In consideration of this waiver on the part of the County of Macon the North Carolina State Highway Commission agrees to proceed as rapidly as practicable with the construction of a pavement of the type and kind hereafter to be determined over the said Route 28 through Macon County, and apply all of the road construction funds that may accrue to the credit of Macon County, whether from bond issues hereafter authorized or other road construction funds, to the improvement of said Route 28

creation of the highway Commission to use the funds for other purposes in the county.

The highway commissioners said that with the passage of the act there should be an agreement that no part of the funds collected from the present gasoline and automobile license taxes should be used for other than road purposes. If in the future there should be a large surplus in this fund, the commissioners would be empowered to add one million dollars to the fund for use on country roads. The act would also permit the commission in its discretion to extend the state highway system.

Proposals that the state highway system be extended to include all roads in the state were declared to be unsound by the commissioners. Commission John Sprunt Hill, of Durham, said such a move would disrupt the whole system, adding that they had found from experience that 10 per cent of the existing mileage was the total of new roads that could be taken over with safety each year.

County Funds

The commission's tabulation showed the counties would receive the following amounts from the special fund:

Alamance, \$28,595; Alexander, \$13,372; Alleghany, \$9,623; Anson, \$28,095; Ashe, \$21,096; Avery, \$11,148; Beaufort, \$36,693; Bertie, \$29,745; Bladen, \$34,669; Brunswick, \$27,520; Buncombe, \$47,717; Burke, \$25,071; Cabarrus, \$26,470; Caldwell, \$21,846; Camden, \$8,273; Carteret, \$22,190; Caswell, \$18,022; Catawba, \$26,995; Chatham, \$29,470; Cherokee, \$19,072; Chowan, \$9,448; Clay, \$7,924; Cleveland, \$29,520; Columbus, \$38,643; Craven, \$31,120; Cumberland, \$34,319; Currituck, \$11,048; Dare, \$12,172; Davidson, \$31,796; Davie, \$13,247; Duplin, \$35,019; Durham, \$28,620; Edgecombe, \$31,595; Forsyth, \$47,367;

Route 28 is completed in a manner satisfactory to the State Highway Commission entirely across the said County of Macon; and that, after the completion of the said Route 28 within Macon County, then the obligation to repay Macon County, for the advancement made under the terms of the contracts above referred to, shall again become operative in accordance with the terms of the original contract.

In Witness Whereof, the State Highway Commission has caused this agreement to be signed by its Chairman, attested by its Assistant Secretary, and its Corporate Seal affixed; and the said Board of Commissioners of Macon have caused this agreement to be executed in its name, by its Chairman, attested by its Clerk and its Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

Executed in triplicate, the date and year first above written.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION
By: FRANK PAGE, Chairman.
Attest: L. R. AMES, Asst. Secretary.
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
MACON COUNTY

By: C. R. CABE, Chairman.
Attest: HORACE I. HURST, Clerk.
Approved As to Form:
CHAS. ROSS, Attorney State Highway Commission.

The county attorney, T. J. Johnston, is of the opinion that this contract calls for the repayment of the loan when highway No. 28, is completed with a hard surface through the county. However, it is stated, that no time limit is specified for the completion of this work, other than that contained in the contract which says the state highway commission "agrees to proceed as rapidly as practicable with the construction of a pavement" on highway No. 28.

THE PRINCIPLE OF CONSERVATION

Dr. Lee of the Baptist church will preach a sermon next Sunday morning to which he invites all the forestry force of the national government and the public school faculty.

The sermon will deal with the principle of conservation. He will consider the conservation of timber, of soil, of permanent water supply, of character, of culture, etc.

A wise element of thrift enters into the government policy of conservation. The individual, the county, the family should also practice this great truth.

The prevention of waste and the utilization of waste products present a vast field of thought.

Our people should appreciate the principle of conservation and apply it in all their living.

N. C. Marble

(By Jasper L. Stuckey, Ph. D., Professor of Geology, N. C. State Col.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 19.—Most important marble area in North Carolina begins on Nantahala river just east of Hewitts and extends southwest down Valley river to Murphy and then along Nottely river to the Georgia line.

This marble belt, approximately 50 miles long, outcrops in the southwestern corner of Swain county, crosses Cherokee county and extends along the Georgia line, being almost continuous with the Georgia belt. It touches Macon county in this state.

From its eastern outcrop near Hewitts to Murphy the marble belt is paralleled by the Murphy branch of the Southern railway system. Between Murphy and the Georgia line, the Louisville and Nashville railroad follows closely along the marble outcrop. Throughout nearly the whole length of its outcrop, the railroads follow directly along the low ground caused by the presence of marble. At no place is the railroad more than a few hundred feet from the outcrop. There is hardly a possible quarry site in the whole area as much as 2,000 feet from a railroad. This means

to transportation lines is exceptionally easy.

Commercial Stone Plentiful

The portion of the marble belt most promising for the production of commercial stone, lies between Murphy and Andrews. In this area which is some 20 miles long, the outcrop varies from 1,000 feet to nearly a mile in width. The overburden, consisting of soil and stream wash, varies from 5 to 15 feet in thickness. In most cases, there is ample room to dispose of overburden and waste. Surface of the stone is only slightly above stream level so that drainage in most cases is a problem. The stone itself is generally free from excessive jointing and is of uniform grade.

A quarry has been operated successfully at Regal, just northeast of Murphy, for several years. Medium sized blocks of a general rectangular shape, sound and free from natural defects, have been quarried.

Junior Class Organizes

The Junior Class of Angel Bros' hospital met and organized January 15, 1929. The following were elected officers: President, Mrs. Lelia Gibson, Franklin; vice-president, Miss Christine Franks, Hiwassee, Ga.; secretary, Miss Ina Lee Moore, Webster; treasurer, Miss Burr Messer, Waynesville; sponsor, Miss Iter Davis, R. N. Beta; entertaining committee, Miss Ina Lee Moore and Miss Burr Messer; Class motto, Excelsior: Class flower, pink and white rose buds; Class color, green and white.

The class ring has been selected and will be ordered at an early date.

The girls are dreaming beautiful dreams, of the new nurses' home they are soon to have.

Signed: INA LEE MOORE, Sec.

Poultry Raising in Oregon

Interesting and profitable results have been obtained by poultrymen in Oregon through the application of electricity. Ease of regulation, reduced labor, less crowding and greater cleanliness are some of the advantages claimed. The cost of power for lights and of extra feed consumed is relatively small compared with the increased returns. Experiments conducted under the direction of the Oregon State Agricultural College have proved that electric brooders are satisfactory if operated properly, and that electric lights in yards and feed rooms and for testing eggs are very desirable, and when power is used also for other purposes the cost is low.

Electric power was used successfully on a farm at Lebanon, Oregon, where a home-made oat chrouter, a root shredder and a kale cutter were operated. Sixty pounds of carrots were shredded by one man in three minutes at a cost of less than a cent for

power. On this same farm the power cost per 100 eggs was less than 50 cents—on 512-egg electric incubators, while on another farm the power cost per 100 eggs was less than 15 cents on 13,000 egg electric incubators. On still another farm electricity was used on a 1000-chick size brooder at a cost of less than 5 cents per chick, the loss being 10 per cent on 350 chicks.

Stomach Trouble

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100-lb. bag..... \$ 6.00
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Pure Wheat Shorts, 100 lbs.....\$ 2.85
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SOUPS

Van Camp's tomato, large.....\$.09
Nantahala vegetable, 20-oz. can..... 12 1/2c

Nantahala String Beans, 30-oz..... 12 1/2c
Large can Sugar Corn..... 12 1/2c
Stokley's Best Corn..... 15c

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Tomato Catsup, 8-oz..... 13c
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Franklin, N. C.

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Since my advertisement in last week's Press of my After-Inventory Sale I find that real salesmen are unnecessary. All I need is some one to wrap up the packages. The prices on winter goods are all the arguments necessary to close a sale. Just lots of folks have come in and bought their winter necessities in clothing at HALF PRICE and more are coming each day. Many articles are selling for less than half price and the sale goes merrily on. During my stay in Franklin I have staged some remarkable sales, but nothing like the present one.

CLOTHING, SHOES, HATS, HOSIERY, BLANKETS, SWEATERS, LUMBERJACKS --- In fact EVERYTHING at half price or below. Come in now before I sell the counters and show cases.

JOE ASHEAR