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Productive Soils

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TEAGUE PLANS BETTER ROADS

To Let Contracts on Short Sections—Will Not Begin Work Until Amount of Available Funds is Fixed.

Dear Major Harris:—Since receiving a copy of the Porter road law for publication you requested me to give out my plans as to how I intended to handle the county roads.

This road problem has been a very unsatisfactory problem for all time and I don't know that it will ever be any better, but I have a system in mind I would like to see put into effect. It is my intention to carry it out if all things turn out well.

This system is as follows: The county roads are to be gone over twice each year or as nearly so as possible, with the road machine, doing all necessary shaping and ditching that can be done with such machine. Then, in addition to this, the roads will be let out by contract in short sections. Preferably to a man who lives on the road.

his section of road and would personally be interested in keeping up this special road. He would also sign a contract specifying his duties toward this special section of road, and his bond would be that when he failed to comply with his duties set forth in his contract then his contract would terminate and he would not receive any pay for work he had already done. The road supervisor would go over each section of road quarterly and inspect each section of road and if they had been faithfully kept according to contract he would sign an order for payment of said labor less 10 per cent which would be held until the end of the year for a guarantee of his continued faithfulness in carrying out his contract.

My idea of maintaining a road is to fix the mud before it gets started. That is why I propose to let the contracts in small jobs. So a farmer with his team or tractor can keep his road well and regularly dressed.

There is a fine spirit now existing among the people for a better road system. I have had some very liberal propositions made to me by men who were especially interested in their own settlement roads. One man, and he is not a rich man, and meant just what he said, offered to do two weeks' hauling with his truck in order to encourage the hard-surfacing of one mile of road. It is too bad if it is made impossible for these communities where citizens are so willing to help, to get a little county aid. My understanding is that the county commissioners plan to take the money appropriated for our county roads and pay it on the county debts. The people would be somewhat divided on this. Those living out in the mud would like to have their conditions bettered and those living on the state highways would likely want the debt lowered.

I received a notice from the county auditor saying that he could not tell anything about the county road funds until he had the books audited and that will take from four to six weeks and that some of the townships had already taken up their road money for the year. So this being the case I have discontinued operations until we know which is the road pile of money.

I am going to keep my little section of road dressed free of charge and there will be no objections to others doing the same. While doing this let us hope there is a better day coming by and bye.

C. W. TEAGUE, Road Supervisor
This March 26, 1929.

B. Y. P. U. Pageant At Baptist Church

Fifty people will present a picturesque pageant at the Baptist church next Sunday night. They will wear beautiful costumes. They have been practicing a month for the program. All the general public is invited to see and hear this fine pageant. The music is beautiful. The pulpit will be enlarged for this program so as to hold the great number of participants. The hour is eight p. m.

MAYOR PATTON MAKES APPEAL

Expresses Hearty Sympathy With Clean-Up Week—Requests Business Firms to Clean Up Premises.

In reference to the clean-up campaign scheduled for the first week in April I desire to announce that in both my official and private capacities I am heartily in favor of this movement. Judging from reports reaching my office it appears that the clean-up campaign this year is on a more pretentious scale than ever before. The entire body politic of the town seems to be intensely interested in this campaign.

In connection with the extra labor that will be required in the work I am authorized to make no official announcement. However, I believe that the town board will co-operate with the movement to the extent of furnishing extra trucks and additional men to cart away the rubbish.

Let the women of Franklin on their efforts for a cleaner and better town. They are also due much commendation for their efforts looking to better lawns and moor flowers and shrubbery within the city limits.

I make particular appeal to every business man in Franklin to clean the premises in rear of his business establishment.

GEORGE PATTON, Mayor.

CREAMERY MADE FIRST CHURNING HERE LAST WEEK

Mr. A. B. Slagle, of Franklin, owner and operator of the Nantahala Creamery at Franklin, and who now operates the Hiwassee Valley Creamery at Hayesville, made his first churning on Thursday of last week, churning 512 pounds of butter from one week's collection of butter fat. The butter, which was of superior quality, was sold on the Asheville market, some few pounds being bought locally by people who do not have cows. Mr. Slagle has an experienced butter maker in charge of the Hayesville creamery, he is Mr. John Kennedy, with twelve years experience in creameries in Cleveland county. He has been with Mr. Slagle since some time last year, making butter at Franklin before coming to Hayesville, he is a fine young man, well liked by everybody and will no doubt make a great success of the creamery.

Mr. Slagle will operate a truck on a regular schedule collecting cream in different parts of the county and in Georgia. At present he will churn once each week until warmer weather, and when cream production increases, then he will churn oftener.

Our cream producers are glad to have this creamery in their reach. It gives them about six cents more per pound of butter fat than they got when it had to be shipped to Franklin. Cream days used to be Tuesday and Fridays, now it is received every day which makes it much more convenient for the farmer during the farming season when work is pushing.

Let's put in more cows and push production to the limit.—Clay County News.

Time For Mass Meeting

According to law the tickets for the city election must be printed on or before April 17. Allowing a week for printing the nominations should be made not later than April 10. The custom heretofore has been to make the nominations in a mass meeting. Such nominations never please all and consequently there are generally two tickets in the field. Whatever is done, however, should be done the first week in April, say those who are apparently deeply interested.

HIGH SCHOOL FAVORS CLEAN-UP

Students Enthusiastic Over Movement for Clean Town—Read What They Have to Say.

(By Lora Talley)

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever; It's loveliness increases; It will never pass into nothingness, but still will keep a bower quiet for us, and a sleep full of sweet dreams, and health and quiet breathing."

Why not make our town a place of beauty? "That's easier said than done," you say? Quite true, but is there ever anything accomplished without some effort? There are many things we, as citizens, can do to make Franklin, not only a better, more healthful place for us to live, but an attraction for tourists as well. I fancy I can hear you saying, "Same thing over and over every spring. What does it lead to? Don't we keep our streets cleaned and our

alleys? Flowers would look better than tin cans and cinders. Grass would be a good substitute for mud. If everyone would keep his lawns mowed and his hedges trimmed, what a difference it would make in the appearance of our community. For in the movement for public beauty, as in all progress, it is the work of the individuals that counts most. Every neat back yard and flower surrounded home will help to beautify Franklin.

HORSLEY MAKES EARNEST PLEA

For Sanitary Town—Calls Attention to Health Menace from Unsanitary Conditions.

(By Dr. Horsley, City Health Officer)

The health officer is glad of the opportunity to give his co-operation and help to the public-spirited ladies of Franklin in their campaign for a cleaner, safer and healthier town. Let us all, old and young, give them whole hearted support in this good work which, when completed, will give us a more beautiful and healthier place in which to live. Let us get rid of conditions which are unsightly and offensive and a menace to health and which add to the danger from fire, in some instances. We must also get rid of the trouble and danger caused by flies and mosquitoes.

This campaign, let us hope, is not to be merely a spasmodic effort at cleaning up our town but rather the beginning of a systematic and regular gathering of the refuse and garbage and a proper disposal of it.

It has been suggested that the town be divided into quarters by designated intersecting streets for the sake of system and convenience and that each such part of town be cleaned of its garbage on a day set for it once each week throughout the year. This or some other plan, it seems to me, would be cheaper and more efficient than a haphazard unsystematic way of looking after the sanitary needs of the town.

The mayor and the members of our town board are in favor of a general cleaning up and improvement of the sanitary arrangements in Franklin. Here and there over town are to be found conditions that must be made better. The premises of few of us would bear close examination, but not through wilful neglect. Let each citizen set his place in order for it takes concerted action to amount to much. As an employee of the town board I wish to advance the cause of public health and hereby tender my help to the ladies in charge of this movement for a cleaner town.

Not Happened In Macon

John: Let's wait till next week to sell our broilers.
Mary: No. We will sell them today. They are worried about being sold and are losing weight every day.

SEARCHING FOR 30,000 DOLLARS

Citizens Meet at Commissioners Office to Give Advice—Auditor Claims Accounts \$30,000 Short.

Last Friday afternoon found considerable fireworks at the court house. It seems that the commissioners had invited a number of citizens to assemble and advise with the board as to the proper method of procedure. During the audit of the county books, it appears that the auditor fails to find \$30,000 in cash that, according to the books, should be somewhere in the neighborhood. It is said that the auditor has audited the accounts since the first day of last July and finds the shortage mentioned. He took as his starting point a former audit of the books covering the period up to June 30 last year.

The auditor had agreed to do this work for \$500, but since finding the shortage, the books for former years must be examined to determine where in the error lies, if indeed it is an error. For \$250 more the auditor

will be connected. In this way the greatest number of motorists will be served and car operating expenses considerably reduced. In the past, the annual fall and spring mudroads sessions have all but isolated much of South Carolina, and at an inestimable cost.

A casual survey of extensive highway improvement programs reveals that where they have been adopted, highway usage increases at a much faster rate than formerly. In 1928 the gas tax and motor license receipts in South Carolina were \$7,863,000. The total for 1929 will exceed \$8,250,000, it is believed. The bond issue roads, shortly after they are completed, will doubtless give South Carolina a ten million dollar a year highway income. This increased income alone, willingly paid by motorists anxious to use the roads, more than answers the argument that interest on road bonds eats up too much of the highway fund.

Homes Beautiful

(By High School Student)

There isn't a citizen in this town who doesn't want people to have a good impression of him or his home. The same thing should apply to his home town. A town is judged by its outward look as well as people are. When visitors pass through the first thing they notice is its appearance.

Even the simplest homes may have beautiful grounds, for the surrounding mountains are full of shrubs and flowers which can be transplanted. Many magazines now published will help us arrange these. By such improvements on our premises we double the value of our property.

Well kept lawns and beautiful flower beds add to the attractiveness of a town. Which are the towns the tourists remember longest? Towns that are clean and made beautiful by trees, shrubs and flowers.

So far we have talked only of beautifying the town but now let's talk about cleaning it. What's to be done with all the trash of the town? With all the junked cars that are scattered? Where shall we determine the places for our dumping grounds? Surely not in plain sight as they are now. All of these are serious problems and are due consideration.

W. B. MCGUIRE, JR., CLASS PRESIDENT

That Franklin boys and girls are winning high honors at college has recently been amply demonstrated. A short time ago Miss Betty Sloan was elected president of the student body at N. C. C. W. Now news reaches Franklin that W. B. McGuire, Jr., has been elected president of the senior class at Davidson. Miss Tim Crawford, also a student at N. C. C. W., was nominated recently for editor of one of the college papers, but declined to permit her name to go before the student body on account of the heavy work she is doing at that college.

SOUTH CAROLINA TO FREE HERSELF OF MUD SHACKLES

Adopts \$65,000,000 Bond Issue for Improving State Roads Within 4 Years

By E. E. Duffy

Within four years South Carolina will possess \$65,000,000 worth of new roads. This speeding up of the highway program has been made possible through the recent adoption of a bond issue for that amount.

Mud roads have been collecting an ever increasing toll from South Carolina motorists for the simple reason that automobile usage has been expanding at a faster rate than the state has been able to build all-season roads under the pay-as-you-go plan.

Wholesale construction of highways, such as permitted by bond issue, provides economies and savings that otherwise would be lost. South Carolina will pool the gasoline tax and vehicle license fee income for the easy retirement of the bonds. The South Carolina gas tax has just been increased from five to six cents, with one cent reverting to counties. In effect, motorists will pay but one cent per gallon of gas for bond issue benefits.

The benefits which will accrue to South Carolina are many. Economies can be effected through the letting of contracts for longer stretches of pavements, pavements that would have been laid piece-meal under the year-to-year plan. Through routes will be

Distance today is measured in time rather than miles. The bond issue is the motoring public's accelerator.

Mrs. Hyatt Crunkleton returned to her home at Highlands last Monday after spending several days with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Rogers. Mrs. Rogers's health seems to be improving some.

Shookville News

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Miller have moved to the Jake Tilson place.

Mrs. Mary Ann Tilson, Mrs. Ben Rogers and son, Kenneth made a business trip to Franklin last Thursday.

Rev. O. J. Nix, of Satolah, Ga., filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. S. H. Crunkleton, of Highlands is visiting in this section now.

Mrs. Hayes Hines, of Norton, N. C., was the guest of Miss Ethel Moss, Sunday.

Messrs. Earl McCoy and Joe Keener were the guests at Mr. A. B. Miller's Sunday.

Holly Springs Locals

The farmers are so glad to see spring coming once again.

Mr. Charles Ingram went to town Monday on business.

Miss Nancy Justice spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Burdell Justice.

Mr. Charlie Williams went to Mr. Justice's corn mill Monday.

Mr. H. G. Cabe went to Mr. J. R. Berry's wheat mill Monday.

Mr. Theodore Elliott has gone to Waynesville to work.

Mr. Harmon Sanders has completed his new house.

Mr. Theodore Henry of Sylva, is visiting relatives in this section.

There was a large crowd at church Sunday. Each one said to have enjoyed Rev. A. S. Soleszee's good sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corbin were visiting Mrs. Corbin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Cabe.

Miss Bida Elliott spent the week end with home folks the past week.

Miss Leota McCracken is attending summer school at Cullowhee.