

STATE SHOULD CONTINUE ROAD BUILDING PROGRAM

Editor, News-Record:
I am handing you a clipping from the Raleigh News and Observer concerning the continuation of building highways in the State.

The article follows:
FAR FROM UNANIMOUS
THE action of the State Highway Commission declaring it would not ask for additional bond issues to build roads has not won unanimous approval. There are sections which feel that they have not secured the roads that are greatly needed, and they will make themselves heard when the Legislature meets. The Edenton News voices dissent from Northeastern North Carolina. It says that it is necessary to completely remodel "miserably poorly laid, poorly constructed and experimental roads that dot the mileage of this entire section," and it adds:

"The State Highway Commission can not point with pride to its work in the northeast, because its work here has been a miserable failure. They have failed to connect the county seats with a standardized hard-surfaced road, as the good roads bill was intended that they should do; they have failed to find the road-building material that will stand up under the traffic of lowland travel, and standardize those roads in the entire section; they have failed to make the nine-foot road on Federal Highway 17, between Hertford and Edenton, a standardized 16-foot, county seat to county seat highway; they have failed to make the Virginia road out of Edenton a successful road, the present pavement being in such condition that it is worse than nothing; they have failed to give to Perquimans County anything but what Perquimans County paid for itself; they have failed to construct one single piece of suitable road in Chowan County that was not paid for by the county; they have failed to give to Gates County any more than they could possibly help; they have failed to build a lowland road over the sinking roadbed in Camden County; they have failed to give to Bertie a connection with Martin by a standardized 16-foot county seat to county seat road; they have failed to make the roads out of New Bern a pleasure and a pride, instead of the narrow roads they now have; they have failed to give to give to the Scotland Neck section of Halifax County a single foot of hard-surfaced road leading out of it."

The News advocates an increase of forty million dollars of bonds to complete the system. "We demand that we be treated like a member of the State, and not as a foster-child by its parents in Raleigh." It goes on to say: "There are sections of North Carolina that need no more roads; that's true, but those sections are few. They usually are the towns from which the highway commissioners come, Tarboro or Washington or Raleigh or Durham or Wilmington." There will be plenty of road talk when the solons gather next January. I think Madison County should join the dissenters from the Highway Commissioners announced purpose to ask for no more bonds from the State to continue road building.

Road building should continue in an active and progressive way until all the counties in the State have been equally and fairly treated.

The highway system in Madison County is far from complete as contemplated by the good roads bill which provided for the establishment and construction of a system of hard-surfaced highways connecting all the county seats and principal towns of the State into one great system and to connect the main highways of the State at the State line with all highways coming into the State.

It was a grand and glorious undertaking, worthy of any state or people.

Madison County up to the present time has only one short piece of concrete road which is between Marshall and Asheville.

The Highway Commission contemplates to do some work on the highway connecting the town of Marshall with Burnsville, the county seat of Yancey Co., by way of Mars Hill, but have announced that there are not enough funds on hand to complete that link.

Nothing has been done in constructing a highway from Marshall to Waynesville, the county seat of Haywood Co.

Madison County, as others have done, loaned the State considerable sums of money to expedite the building of highways in the county and a failure of the State to issue more bonds would postpone the completion of the highway system of the State and delay the return of the funds borrowed and force the counties to continue to pay interest on the money borrowed by them to loan the State. A failure to speedily complete the highway system as originally contemplated would work an injustice to those counties whose highways are left unconstructed.

Respectfully,
C. B. MASHBURN.

R. L. MOORE TO SPEAK AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Professor R. L. Moore of Mars Hill College will speak at the Baptist Church Sunday, Feb. 26. There will also be a Township Sunday School Convention at the Baptist Church at 2:30. All the Sunday Schools in the County are invited to attend.
J. COLEMAN RAMSEY.

Judge—You are hereby sentenced to 30 days as a pedestrian. Reckless Autoist—Good heavens, Judge, do you want to murder me?—Collier's.

WOMANLESS WEDDING IN MARS HILL MARCH THIRD

One of the leading social events of the season will be "The Womanless Wedding," which will take place Saturday evening, March 3rd., in the auditorium of the Mars Hill High School.

The ceremony will be solemnized promptly at the fashionable hour of eight o'clock, and cards will be required at the door. Although the

names of the contracting parties have not been made public yet, nevertheless this wedding will unite two of the most prominent families of the city.

No engraved invitations are being sent out, but the public is cordially invited, provided all who come present their cards at the door.

BILLS IN CONGRESS

Merchant Marine
Representative Wallace H. White, Jr., of Maine, introduced House Bill No. 10765, to create, develop and maintain a privately owned American Merchant Marine adequate to serve trade routes essential in the movement of the industrial and agricultural products of the United States and to meet the requirements of the commerce of this country; to provide for the transportation of the foreign mails of the United States in American vessels and to provide naval and military auxiliaries.

Education
Representative W. E. Evans, of California, introduced House Resolution No. 196, designating the American Green Cross as a national body for education and research work in connection with the protection of forests, reforestation of denuded areas, flood control and allied problems.

Motion-Picture Industry
Representative Grant M. Hudson, of Michigan, introduced House Bill No. 10761, to prevent obstruction and burdens upon interstate trade and commerce in copyrighted motion-picture films, and to prevent the further monopolization of the business of producing, distributing, and exhibiting copyrighted motion pictures, by prohibiting blind booking and block booking of copyrighted motion-picture films and by prohibiting the arbitrary allocation of such films by distributors to theaters in which they or other distributors have an interest, direct or indirect, and by prohibiting the arbitrary refusal to book or sell such films to other exhibitors.

Farm Board
Representative William C. Lankford, of Georgia, introduced House Bill No. 10757, to establish a Federal farm board to aid in the orderly marketing and in the control and disposition of the surplus of agricultural commodities in interstate and foreign commerce.

Flood Control
Senator W. H. McMaster, of South Dakota, introduced Senate Resolution No. 91, authorizing an appropriation for bank protection for the control of floods and the prevention of erosion of the Missouri River at and near the town of Yankton in the state of South Dakota.

Veterans
Senator Walter F. George, of Georgia, introduced Senate Resolution No. 90, authorizing the Secretary of War to furnish transportation to certain veterans attending the thirtieth anniversary of the liberation of Cuba.

Low-Grade Cotton
Representative Thomas L. Blanton, of Texas, introduced House Bill No. 10642, to aid agriculture by affording maximum utilization of low-grade cotton, and creating an embargo upon all raw jute, jute bagging, and products manufactured from jute.

American Citizens
Representative Clyde Kelly, of Pennsylvania, introduced House Resolution No. 195, authorizing the President to negotiate with other nations for agreements and treaties for the protection of American citizens of foreign birth or parentage from liability to military service in other countries.

War Claims
Representative James G. Strong, of

Kansas, introduced House Resolution No. 194, authorizing the President to ascertain, adjust, and pay certain claims of grain elevators and grain firms to cover insurance and interest on wheat during the years 1919 and 1920, as per contract authorized by the President.

FROG, IMPRISONED 31 YEARS, REMOVED ALIVE

EASTLAND, TEXAS, Feb. 19.—A horned frog, sealed alive in the cornerstone of the courthouse here 31 years ago, was alive when the stone was opened yesterday, according to County Judge Edward S. Pritchard. The old courthouse is being razed. It is a West Texas tradition that a horned frog can exist a century without food or water. A skeptical newspaperman had the judge verify the report that the frog was alive when taken from its long entombment.

The cornerstone containing the frog and a number of old newspapers, coins, and masonic emblems, was opened in the presence of a throng of curious residents.

When Eugene Day, surrounded by county officials, picked the toad from the cavity in the stone, a cheer went up. The frog appeared lifeless for some time. Soon it opened its eyes and in about 20 minutes began to breathe. The mouth, however, appeared to have grown together.

The frog was placed in a box and is on exhibition. Efforts will be made to induce it to take food and if necessary the mouth will be opened by an operation.
—Asheville Citizen.

COUNTY QUOTA

MARS HILL, N. C., Feb. 20.—The quota allotted Madison County will give 7 young men of the County opportunities to attend this summer's camps of the C. M. T. C. Association conducted by the Government at different centers throughout the Fourth Corps Area, announced Mr. Jas. M. Smart, County Chairman of the C. M. T. C. enrollment committee, today.

All counties in the State have been allotted quotas.

The campaign for applicants has opened and acceptance of qualified applicants has begun, declared Mr. Smart, who also stated that he had complete information and application blanks available at Mars Hill, N. C.

He urges all those planning to take advantage of this opportunity to apply at once to insure acceptance while the quota remains unfilled. Last year many late applicants were disappointed.

All necessary expenses attached to camp attendance are paid by the Government, Mr. Smart explained. "The railroad fares from homes to nearest camps and return, the food, clothing, lodging, laundry service, medical attention and instructions are all paid by the Government.

It is all purely voluntary and there is no obligation for any military service, present or future, upon those who go to camps and undertake the training."

MARSHALL ABANDONS HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANT PROPOSITION

GRASS A GREAT SOIL SAVER

On a mildly sloping field in Missouri soil investigators measured soil loss by erosion for six years where the ground was plowed to a depth of 4 inches. On the average more than 40 tons of soil per acre was lost annually, and the ground absorbed less than 70 per cent of the rainfall. On a similar field covered with bluegrass less than a third of a ton of soil was washed away and the field retained almost 90 per cent of the water that fell on it. On land like this 4-inch plowed field erosion would remove a 7-inch layer of soil in 24 years, less than the time of one generation of farming; while the same land in grass would not lose 7 inches of soil for more than 3,500 years. The soil with a large proportion of humus absorbs more rain and resists erosion. With a fall of only 4 feet in 100 as was the case in this field a simple system of terracing will help conserve moisture and will save valuable soil that would otherwise go to choke the streams farther down the valley and cause higher floods in the Mississippi.

What about your Note Heads? Let us print them for you.

Other Estimates Make Plan Prohibitive

At a specially called meeting of the Town Council of Marshall Wednesday night to consider the proposed hydro-electric plant to be owned and operated by the municipality of Marshall, the whole matter was gone over and another engineer's estimates showed the proposition to be impracticable. After a full discussion the board voted not to call the election on the matter.

Representatives of the Utility Company now operating were present, and, while they did not promise lower rates, they said there would be an adjustment of rates. They also agreed to remove from the Main Street the unsightly poles, now supporting the power wires, and if the town would contribute \$1600 they would furnish the remaining \$2000, the necessary amount to put in a White Way on Main Street. This is a matter that may well be considered by the town as a White Way along this much used highway street would be quite an advertisement for Marshall, besides the beauty and attractiveness and comfort such a lighting system would be for our own citizens.

WOMANLESS WEDDING TO BE AT MARSHALL ON MARCH 1

On Thursday, March 1, 1928, a "Womanless Wedding" will be given in the High School auditorium at Marshall. The "Wedding" promises to be a "scream" from start to finish. The participants are all local characters, thereby adding much to the interest of the affair.

The cast is as follows:

Bride—Dr. Sams
Groom—Eulalia Tweed
Father of Bride—A. L. Plemmons
Mother of Bride—W. H. Morrow
Bride's uncle—Rev. Mr. Knox
Bride's aunt—E. R. Tweed
Bride's Grandfather—Jack Ramsey
Bride's Grandmother—Herschel Sprinkle

Miss Spain
Miss Knowall—L. V. Yonce
Miss Russia—Ralph Fisher
Aunt Africa—Cub Sprinkle
Bride's baby sister—Clarence Gage

CONCENTRATED FERTILIZERS SAVE LABOR AND FREIGHT
Potato growers are finding in the use of concentrated fertilizers an opportunity to save time, money, and labor, says B. E. Brown, soil chemist of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, United States Department of Agriculture. By using this new form of fertilizer, 1 pound of which carries as much actual plant food as is carried by 2 pounds of the ordinary kind, they save in freight, in handling, in hauling, and in storage.
The idea of manufacturing fertilizers in the concentrated form was developed by the soil chemists of the

Ring-bearer—J. A. Hendricks
Train-bearer—Prof. Henry
Best Man—A. W. Whitehurst
Minister—J. Will Roberts
Flowers—Dr. Hutchins, Wade Redmon
Flower Girl—J. Hubert Davis
Soloist—H. L. Story

Ushers—Geo. McKinney
Dr. Walton
Dr. Dittmore
Roy Gudger
Groomsmen—H. L. Smith, Steve Roberts, Mr. Blankenship
Flower Girls—Dr. Clyne, Clarence Gage, Claude Sawyer
Guests—Mr. Holcombe, Mr. Coats, Moody Chandler, Nick White
Pianist—Miss Phipps
Soloist—John McElroy
The prices for this affair are 35c Admission price—35c and 20c.

DR. HUTCHINS TO ENCOURAGE B. Y. P. U. WORK

Dr. J. H. Hutchins, president of the French Broad Association B. Y. P. U. work, plans to call on B. Y. P. U. workers throughout the French Broad Association to write articles for this paper and do all they can to stimulate interest in this work. Let the articles be to the point and uplifting.

"I am rich, very rich," admitted Abie, "yet when I started in business I didn't have a thing."
"Then the ones you did business with must have had something," suggested his friend.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ORCHESTRA

The orchestra of the First Christian Church, of Asheville, will give a concert at the Marshall High School auditorium Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

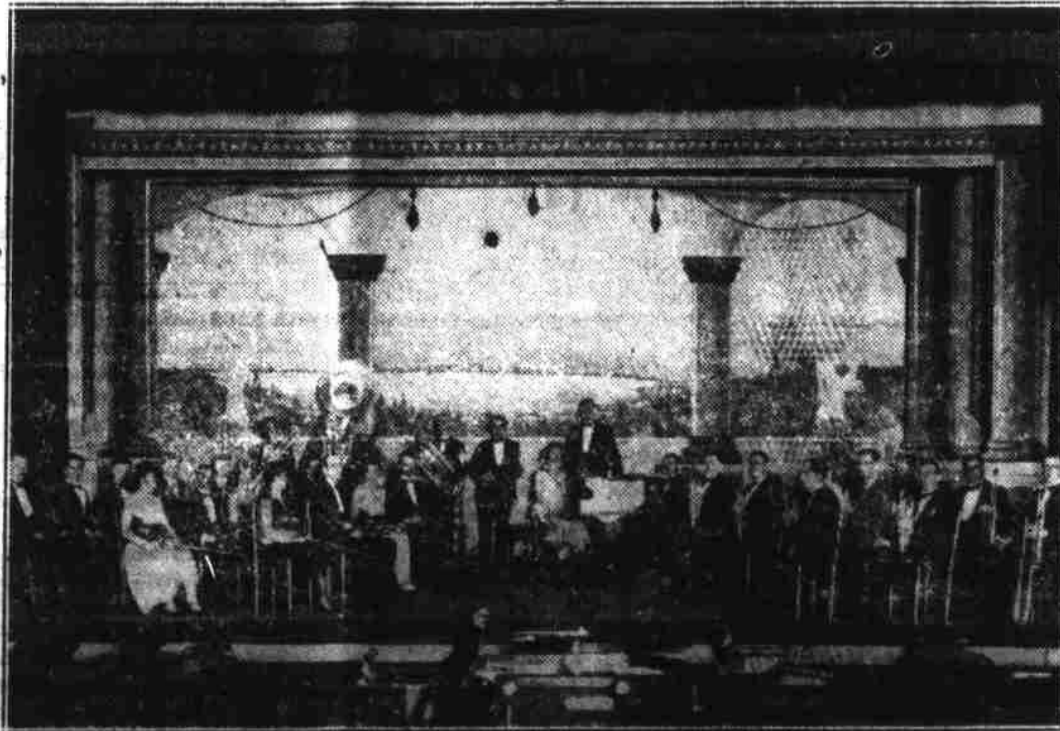
This Orchestra is composed of 30 artists, and will appear in a concert of popular marches, overtures, modleys, and waltzes. This orchestra has played to well-filled houses throughout Western North Carolina, also has gained quite a reputation as a broadcast orchestra from Station WNC.

This concert will appeal to the old and young alike, as it will be made up of good snappy numbers for the young people, and higher type melody numbers for the older lovers.

Appearing on this program will be Mr. B. Frank Prunty, bass soloist, who is one of the best in this country in his line of work.

This is this orchestra's third year in Western N. C. and as this program is for the benefit of the school, a very large attendance is expected.

The orchestra is under the direction of Geo. C. Bertram.



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