

# North Carolina Prepares For Giant Road Program

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When the people of North Carolina approved the \$200,000,000 bond issue for secondary roads, they set the wheels turning on one of the most ambitious roadbuilding programs in the United States.

No other state ever authorized that much money for county road construction in one lump. Few times in history have the people voted to increase their own taxes. Both these things happened in North Carolina on June 4.

Pouring \$200,000,000 into road construction over the next five or six years, in addition to the Commission's regular income, will have a tremendous impact on business conditions in North Carolina. Its repercussions will be felt directly and indirectly on many levels from general stimulation in the construction field to the enriched income of the farmer suddenly able to get his produce to town on a regular schedule.

How does the new State Highway Commission plan to launch this program?

The eleven-man body which meets every month in the Highway building at Raleigh is a far different organization from the first five-man commission authorized by the General Assembly in 1915. Legally the 1915 Commission could only extend aid to the counties in employing engineers and laying out an integrated road program. They had very little real authority in the roadbuilding field.

**Roadbuilding Speeds Up**  
Today the Highway Commission is a highly organized technical department of State Government which spent about \$90,000,000 during the last fiscal year building roads in North Carolina. The Commission has over 10,000 employees and a two million dollar monthly payroll.

As the good roadbuilding season approaches its peak, road construction is underway from the mountains to the sea.

And in each highway decision commission and engineers have passed along the signal to speed up the already fast-moving pace. From a series of division meetings held in Raleigh last month word went out to rush to completion all projects already authorized but not let to contract. This, in the opinion of State Highway Engineer, W. H. Rogers, Jr., will clear the deck for the \$200,000,000 program.

In the meantime commissioners and their staffs have been working

## Seeks Vatican Tie



HEAD of the Greek Catholic Church in Palestine, Archbishop George Hakim believes that it will be possible for Israel to establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican. The Archbishop told newsmen that he was confident that it would happen in near future. (International)

## TINY FIGURES IN FAMILY QUARREL



**TWO-YEAR-OLD Roy Gager kisses his American grandmother, Mrs. Ann Gager, Chicago, Ill., as his brother, Dennis, 4, looks at the cameraman. The two youngsters may become principles in a future international court battle. Their father, Frank Gager, an ex-GI, shot and killed his British war bride, Mrs. Betty Bates Gager, and then ended his own life. Both Grandmother Gager and the dead woman's family in Rugeley, England, want custody of the two boys. (International Soundphoto)**

## MORE ABOUT Trial

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against Second Lt. Arthur McCutcheon, 28, now stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

This morning, the judge declared a mistrial in the case of Earl E. Howard, 28, of Louisville, Ky., after the jury that included one woman failed to reach a verdict after more than two hours of deliberation on the evidence in the 2 1/2 day trial.

He set a new trial for Howard for the November criminal term.

The testimony of witnesses was to the effect that Mrs. Hair discovered the loss of \$840 of her husband's money from her home after the defendants had spent the night there, but about 16 days later, \$340 of it was found.

The testimony was that the lieutenant and his companion, a GI trainee, were on their way to Louisville, Ky., when they became acquainted with Dr. and Mrs. Hair at the American Legion Club in Asheville. Lieutenant McCutcheon was stationed at Fort Knox at the time.

The four later went to the physician's home in Canton.

After the loss was reported to the Canton police, Howard and McCutcheon were arrested in Marshall while continuing their trip to Louisville.

Both men denied the charges from the witness stand.

Mrs. David Hyatt of Waynesville and her fellow jurors started deliberating on the case at about 4:45 p. m. yesterday, and recessed until this morning after failing to reach agreement by 5:45 p. m.

After another hour of study failed to produce a verdict this morning, the mistrial in Howard's case was declared.

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Townsend and daughter, Miss Ann Townsend, are leaving tomorrow for their home in Greensboro after a visit to the Rev. and Mrs. Russell L. Young.

a certain amount of its construction and maintenance work with State forces, and that policy will be continued.

Since the passage of the bond issue, each new highway commissioner has felt the heavy pressure of groups seeking improvement for particular roads. This pressure was not unexpected—and, in fact, it has generally been welcomed since each division engineering staff is now mapping its priority schedule for the big roadbuilding push.

As things stand now, the bond money building program won't pick up real steam until early next spring. In the meantime the planning work moves ahead rapidly on North Carolina's largest roadbuilding effort in a quarter-century.

## MORE ABOUT Tax Rate

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A capital outlay of \$32,000 for construction of the Beaverman sewer and water project, is also included in the proposed budget.

The proposed budget for 1949-1950 is as follows:

- Operating:
    - Street maintenance including upkeep of Locust Field cemetery, \$34,114.
    - Water maintenance, \$44,839.96.
    - Police department, \$27,293.36.
    - Police court, \$3,140.
    - Fire department, \$19,156.20.
    - Administration, \$3,240.
    - Lights, \$9,500.
    - General purpose, \$16,879.
    - Donations, \$500.
    - Tax refunds, \$200.
    - Health department, \$1,140.
    - Library, \$1,325.
    - Parking meters, \$250.
    - Recreation Park, \$7,900.
- Total resources available are estimated at \$245,384.76, as is shown by the estimated receipts listed for the year.

## WRONG THING TO STEAL

SPOKANE, Wash. (U.P.)—Police caught an auto thief in what probably was record time. One half hour after a truck driver stole the automobile, he was in the city jail. The police had a personal interest in the case; the stolen car was a police patrol car.

## YOU HAVE TO BE DEAD

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (U.P.)—If you can read this, you can't be a "mummy" in a side-show here. A new city statute bans peep-shows of persons burned alive and except in bona fide theaters you can't be exhibited as being dead, or just lying in a casket, unless you really are dead.

## BOTH AT OXFORD

OXFORD, Miss. (U.P.)—The Roper brothers are both at Oxford, yet separated by the Atlantic Ocean. Jimmy Roper is a student at Oxford, England, on a Rhodes scholarship. His brother Gene is a professor at the University of Mississippi at Oxford.

## Beachcomber



Denim clam-diggers with shirt.

By VERA WINSTON

FOR ROUGHING IT on the beach or for fishing there are sturdy little outfits that aren't without a touch of smartness and a sort of boyish charm. This one goes in for clam-diggers that are of white-striped gray denim. There's a back pocket and two hip pockets. A rope slipped through loops is used for a belt. A black cotton T shirt and a matching hat of the denim complete the outfit.

## MORE ABOUT Sidelights

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years after he and his people had been expelled from their Western North Carolina homes.

He and his wife, Niece, are buried on a knoll overlooking Robbinsville. A marker and an iron fence set up by the Daughters of the American Revolution mark their resting place.

The life of Colonel Thomas and his long campaign to help the dispossessed Indians provides another colorful chapter in Haywood County history, the professor indicates. The historical marker at Soco Gap notes the start of the Indian Boundary, and gives a thumbnail sketch of the colonel's efforts to establish the reservation.

Dr. Crum, in fact, believes that Haywood County people should become more familiar with the history of the families who helped make the county, in order to learn more about the history of their county.

After all, he observes, this history was made by these families.

To improve their knowledge of their county and its families, Dr. Crum recommends that the citizens read Prof. W. C. Allen's "The Annals of Haywood County."

Skeletons of flying reptiles with a wing spread of 25 feet have been found in the chalk beds of western Kansas.

## THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



## Dim Sight No Barrier

LINCOLN, Neb. (U.P.)—Rolland Mills has won a \$400 scholarship to the Art Students League of New York for "outstanding" painting and sculpturing. The 25-year-old University of Nebraska student was selected from 400 applicants. Mills is blind in one eye and suffers impaired vision in the other.

## False Alarm

DENVER (U.P.)—Mrs. Grace Callson called police when she thought her 14-month-old daughter Jerry Ann had swallowed a pin. When all pointed to the tragedy. The pin there a moment ago, was gone. Jerry Ann was crying hard. A hurried trip to the doctor showed the pin wasn't in the girl though it was stuck in her dress.

# July FOOD RAY'S

25-Lb. BAG <b>RED BAND FLOUR</b> .....	<b>\$2.29</b>
<b>DIXIE-CRYSTAL SUGAR</b> .....	10 lb. bag <b>89c</b>
<b>LARGE CANS CARNATION MILK</b> .....	2 for <b>23c</b>
<b>CAMPBELL'S VEGETABLE SOUP</b> .....	2 cans <b>27c</b>
<b>Duke's MAYONNAISE</b> .....	Pint <b>37c</b>
<b>Libby's ORANGE JUICE</b> .....	46 oz. can <b>43c</b>
<b>Junket FREEZE MIX</b> .....	2 pkgs. <b>21c</b>
<b>5 1/2 Oz. Pkg. MINUTE RICE</b> .....	2 for <b>29c</b>

<b>Quart WESSON OIL</b> .....	<b>63c</b>
<b>Crushed PINEAPPLE</b> .....	No. 2 can <b>27c</b>
<b>FRYERS</b> .....	<b>49c lb.</b>
<b>HENS</b> .....	<b>51c lb.</b>
<b>Lean RIB STEW</b> .....	<b>29c lb.</b>

<b>FRUITS VEGETABLES</b>	<b>TENDER FRESH EAR CORN</b> .....	6 ears <b>29c</b>	
<b>Large Firm LETTUCE</b> .....	2 heads <b>23c</b>	<b>Carolina NEW POTATOES</b> .....	10 lbs. <b>43c</b>
<b>Fancy Slicing TOMATOES</b> .....	2 lbs. <b>35c</b>	<b>Garden Fresh SPINACH</b> .....	2 lbs. <b>23c</b>
<b>Frozen Dulaney PEAS</b> .....	12 oz. pkg. <b>25c</b>	<b>Frozen Baby LIMA BEANS</b> .....	12 oz. pkg. <b>39c</b>
<b>GREEN GIANT PEAS</b> .....	17 oz. <b>20c</b>	<b>STANDARD TOMATOES</b> 2 for .....	No. 2 Cans <b>25c</b>
<b>CASTLEHAVEN PEAS</b> No. 2 .....	<b>10c</b>	<b>PINEAPPLE JUICE</b> .....	46 oz. <b>41c</b>
<b>REAL LEMON JUICE</b> .....	pint <b>29c</b>	<b>REALEMON JUICE</b> .....	pint <b>29c</b>

<b>MEAT</b>	<b>BAKERS</b>
<b>FAT</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>ECONOMY CUT PORK CHOPS</b> .....	
<b>FIRST CUTS CURED HAM</b> .....	
<b>HOME CANNING SU</b> .....	
<b>Ball Jar Rubbers</b> .....	
<b>Ball Zinc Caps</b> .....	
<b>Quart Fruit Jars</b> .....	
<b>2 pc. Kerr Caps</b> .....	
<b>White House FRUIT PECTIN</b> .....	2 bots. <b>25c</b>
<b>Household AMONIA</b> .....	qts. <b>23c</b>
<b>Octagon LAUNDRY SOAP</b> .....	3 bars <b>23c</b>

## They'll Do It Every Time ( ) By Jimmy Hatlo



**GLIBLY THE SPORTCASTER GIVES A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EVERY POP-FOUL IN THE STANDS**

IT LANDS IN THE THIRD-NO. THE FOURTH ROW OF THE FIRST DECK JUST MISSING A BEAUTIFUL BLONDE IN A BLUE VELVET HAT IN SECTION M. IT TAKES TWO BOUNCES AND ROLLS INTO BOX Q, WHERE FOUR LITTLE BOYS FIGHT FOR IT, BUT IT IS PICKED UP BY JOE BUSH, THE LISHER WHO USED TO PLAY FOR HONOKUS!

**BUT ON THE DECIDING PLAY AND WITH THE LIMP GIVING A CLEAR-CUT SIGN, LISTEN TO GABBY**

AND SMITTY IS SAFE--I THINK-- NO, IT'S NOT SMITTY, THAT'S JONES--NO, CASEY--AND--WAIT! YES--NO--HE'S OUT! HE'S SAFE!--

YER OUT!

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# RAY'S SUPER MARKET

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