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McGowen Thinks Voters Will Favor Road, School Bonds Proposal

By F. W. McGowen

On June 4th, North Carolina will go to the polls to vote for Better Schools and Roads. Many prominent North Carolinians have already endorsed this forward looking program. The leaders of our county are supporting this program.

Looking back across the years, I find that North Carolinians have responded with a keen understanding to those programs which seek to lift them up out of poverty and ignorance. That is why I think they will support the road and school improvement program placed before them on the ballot June 4. Sometimes it is easy to say "We cannot do this" or "We cannot do that" simply because we have never done them before. I can recall how many far-reaching programs in this State were opposed by many people who later realized how beneficial they became to North Carolina's progress.

Many people opposed Governor Morrison's bond issue for roads in the 1920's but there are few today who will tell you that North Carolina did not reap golden dividends from the campaign which paved her county seat to county seat roads. Governor Charles B. Aycock aroused a storm of protests earlier in this century when he made the simple proposal that all North Carolina's children deserve an opportunity for education. That was revolutionary in its day, but we lived to see it accepted as a basic pattern of our culture.

All worthwhile programs have been opposed by somebody, but I have found that North Carolinians generally know how to separate the wheat from the chaff. They know who their champions are.

Today, as I see it, we stand on the threshold of another great era of advancement. The people of North Carolina are clamoring for improved services for themselves and their children. Their legislature has authorized a program of school and road improvement that will set us on the way toward prosperity and new economic and spiritual well-being.

To vote against this program is to veto the spark within us that makes us constantly seek improved ways of doing things. To vote for better schools and better roads is to recognize that the spirit of pioneering is still not dead among us. We are still ever striving onward and upward, and we cannot allow that forward march to cease. We must never be content with the status quo, for then we begin to deteriorate and lose our vitality.

The referendum on schools and roads June 4 is another milestone in the making of a better North Carolina. Surely the needs of these times are not losing on the enlightened citizenship of this grand old State! We cannot do the many good things that ought to be done unless our citizenry is willing to shoulder the responsibility for them. This is such an opportunity.

The great outlying regions of our State which are bogged down in dust and mud need to be opened to the trafficking of commerce and industry. The antiquated school houses of North Carolina — many poorly ventilated, poorly lit and crowded classrooms — need our urgent attention. We cannot build a better North Carolina unless we release the full agricultural and industrial potential of our State. We cannot move forward unless we see that the rising generations are educated to cope with the enlarged responsibilities of their age.

I urge you to vote for a better North Carolina on June 4. I urge you to make this election a shining emblem of North Carolina's faith in her future. I urge you to vote for Better Schools and Better Roads in a Better North Carolina.

UDC Memorial Service Be Held

The James Kenan Chapter, UDC, will hold their annual Memorial Service Sunday, May 29 at 3 p.m. in the Warsaw Methodist church with the president, Mrs. R. L. West presiding. Rev. R. L. Crosson will give the invocation and the principal speaker will be Judge R. L. West. There will be special music by a quartet, followed by roll call of deceased veterans of all wars and deceased members. The service will conclude in Pleasant Cemetery where flowers will be

Good Roads Good Schools Meetings In County Next Week

A Good Roads, Good Schools Meeting will be held at McNeal Sholar's Store in Cypress Creek Township on Tuesday night, May 24, at 8:00 o'clock. All citizens are urged to attend.

The issuance of \$200,000,000 of State Bonds for rural roads and the issuance of \$25,000,000 of State Bonds for public school buildings will be discussed at this meeting.

A Good Schools, Good Roads Program meeting will be held at the Chinquapin High School in Chinquapin on Friday night, May 27, at 8:00 o'clock.

State Highway Commissioner Wilbur Clark of Fayetteville is expected to be at the meeting, along with several other persons, who will discuss the \$200,000,000 Road Bonds and \$25,000,000 School Bonds issues. Both of these bond issues will be obligations of the State, and will not increase our county taxes.

A Better Roads and Schools Meeting will be held at the Wallace High School Auditorium on Wednesday evening, May 25, at 8:00 o'clock.

State Commissioner of Banks, Gurney P. Hood, will be the principal speaker.

The public is cordially invited to attend this important meeting.

"Be Your Age"

BE YOUR AGE is a motion picture, which everyone over 30 years of age should see, according to Dr. J. W. Roy Norton, State Health Officer, North Carolina Board of Health. This is a public service film which will be shown at the MOTOR PARK Theatre on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 26-27-28.

"Many of the 8,202 North Carolinians who died of heart disease last year," Dr. Norton stated, "would still be alive if they had given their hearts the consideration that nature requires." Heart disease is the number one killer in the State and nation. "Be Your Age," continued Dr. Norton, "is recommended by the North Carolina Board of Health. It is a film which encourages caution, but also changes fear to confidence and hope. It will broaden everyone's understanding of the human heart and how to protect it."

"Be Your Age" is a film co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The film had its premier in Radio City Music Hall, New York. It has been shown in many other states.

"Be Your Age" will be shown as a public service on regular program according to Mr. C. B. Hayworth, Manager of the Motor Park Theatre.

Have You Bought Your Tickets Yet?

Reserved seat tickets for the Duplin Pageant are still on sale throughout the county. This week tickets were placed on sale in Lewis' and Glenn Martin Drug stores in Mt. Olive and in drug stores in Clinton. Reserved seat tickets will be sold through May 28th. After that date no more reserves will be sold. Prices are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.25 for children.

Plans are rapidly shaping for the construction of the amphitheatre which should get under way in a few weeks, manager Gilbert Alphin said. It is expected that Sam Byrd will move to Kenansville soon after the first of June and your county seat will be buzzing from then on until pageant time.

TO CELEBRATE 86th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Julia Miller of Millertown will celebrate her 86th birthday Sunday when her children and grandchildren, and other relatives and friends will gather with her at the home of L. C. Miller for a birthday dinner. Her children are L. C. Miller, Roy Miller and



WARSAW'S NEW CITY HALL - DEDICATED WEDNESDAY EVE

Warsaw Dedicates New Town Hall; Senator Umstead Is Speaker

With appropriate ceremony, the new \$35,000 Town Hall building in Warsaw was dedicated Wednesday evening, May 18. W. B. Umstead, former United States Senator, was the principal speaker. Local, county and other dignitaries were on hand.

The program began at 7 o'clock with open house at the new Town Hall. The Girl Scouts and Jayettes, wives of the members of the Warsaw Junior Chamber of Commerce, served refreshments.

The formal ceremony began at 8 o'clock with invocation by Rev. Jerry Newbold, pastor of the Warsaw Presbyterian church.

Mayor A. J. Jenkins, chairman of the Dedication program, publicly recognized the retiring officers of the local government during whose administration the structure of the Town Hall was built. The incoming officers, elected May 3, received

recognition by the program chairman.

Aubrey L. Cavenaugh, member of the board of town commissioners gave a report on the condition of municipal finances.

Mayor Jenkins introduced Mr. Umstead who made the principal dedicatory address.

The new Town Hall is a modern designed structure which houses attractive quarters of all local government activities. It was first occupied about the first of March. In it are offices of the Town Clerk, Mayor, Police, the local library, the up-to-date four cell jail, an assembly room and the fire department.

The present building now occupies the site of the old Town Hall which was nothing more than an improvised office space in an old Warehouse.



Ralph Miller in his forest fire fighting pick-up truck. Mr. Miller is a busy man during fire season, in fact, he says he is busy every week in the year. To aid him and his assistants the State, this week, installed a two-way radio broadcasting outfit with receiving and sending units in the truck and at the fire tower in Rose Hill. The Rose Hill tower broadcast will carry about two hundred miles. Mr. Miller will virtually live in his truck and the result will be immediate notification of fires at any place in the county. The other two towers, at Chinquapin and Smith Township are connected with the Rose Hill tower and Mr. Miller's home by telephone. Duplin is the 7th county in the State to have such a radio connection.



Here is your truck and tractor fire-fighting outfit. The truck has the tractor to the scene of forest fire fighting and the tractor plows fire lanes around the fire, resulting in quenching the fire at

the earliest possible minute. If tractor has been in the county for nearly two years now. With the new radio hook-up the tractor will be carried to fire scenes much quicker.

Duplin's Share Of Roads And School Bonds Issue

Duplin County will receive \$552,267 for school building and \$2,978,194 for road building if voters on June 4 authorize the issuance of school and road bonds, according to a letter received by county commissioners from Governor W. Kerr Scott.

School and road bond bills passed by the 1949 General Assembly allocate those amounts to be spent in the county, provided that the people authorize the issuance of the bonds when they vote in the June 4 election.

For school building Duplin County would get \$250,000 as its equal share of a \$25,000,000 appropriation by the General Assembly plus \$308,267 as its per-pupil share of the proceeds from the School bonds. The per-pupil share estab-

lished by the General Assembly is determined on the basis of the 1947-48 average daily membership.

The amount that would be spent in the county for road building, if issuance of the bonds is favored by the voters, is set forth exactly in the road bill, and represents what the General Assembly determined to be "a fair and equitable distribution" based upon the formula in use by the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

The county's share of proceeds from the road bonds would be in addition to its regular share of highway funds.

It is estimated that 300 miles of roads will be paved in addition to the ones we now have.

The School bonds will permit additions and repairs to practically all white and colored schools.

Enthusiastic Meet In Beulaville

County Superintendent of Schools O. P. Johnson, County Commissioner L. P. Wells and County Accountant F. W. McGowen discussed the \$200,000,000 of State Road Bonds for rural roads and the \$25,000,000 of State School Bonds for public school buildings at the Beulaville school last Thursday evening. 800 to 1,000 people were present. The crowd was very enthusiastic.

On last Friday evening several citizens of the county attended a District Better Roads and Better Schools Meeting in Clinton State Commissioner of Banks, Gurney P. Hood made a strong plea for the passage of these bond issues. He pointed out that the wealth of the State was six times as great today as it was when the first Road Bonds were issued in the twenties.

Monday evening of this week a Good Roads, Good Schools meeting was held at the Chinquapin High School.

Wallace Strawberry Jamboree Closes Successful Program

Wallace Junior Dairy Show

A Junior Dairy Cattle Show was held in Hussey's Warehouse in Wallace in connection with the Strawberry Jamboree on Friday, May 13. There were 17 entries from Onslow, Pender, Sampson and Duplin Counties.

Professor R. H. Rafter of State College judged the cattle using the Danish System. All cows and heifers won blue or red ribbons.

Duplin 4-H members standing blue ribbons and \$5 each were Gene Holland, Warsaw; Dick Cording, Jerry Cording, Wallace; and J. D. Carter of Beulaville. Jimmy Sykes of Wallace received a red ribbon and \$4 cash.

In Fatting and Showmanship Cene Holland of Warsaw won first prize of \$12 and Dick Cording of Wallace won first prize of \$8. In addition to cash prizes all members entering animals and heifers received "Strawberry money" which they used to buy merchandise donated by merchants at Wallace.

Market Summary

Strawberry prices held steady throughout the week with receipts moderate to light. 24-quart crates sold from \$6.50 to \$9.50.

Fryer and broiler prices moved around two cents per pound weaker at Central N. C. points with supplies heavy. Heavy hens were steady to weaker to close at 23 to 30 cents.

Top hogs closed the week at 17.25 per hundred, a 25 cent increase over the previous week's close. Offerings of cattle were light with prices steady.

Cotton prices were irregular during the week and closed unchanged when compared with last week's close.

Crop conditions are now looking very much more favorable than during our recent heavy rains.

Wallace — The annual Strawberry Festival held here drew to a successful close with a gala Ball featuring Herbert Gupton's orchestra.

The opening officially with a parade led by the crack Camp Lejeune Band and the 87 piece Drum and Bugle Corps, was one of the most successful ever undertaken.

Attracting wide attention from a booth sponsored by the state extension department in cooperation with the Coastal Plain Station and the county extension service, displayed various new and old strawberry plants, methods of cultivation, grading and disease control. Farm equipment dealers, merchants and everyone from "baker to candlestick maker" set up in the gaily decorated booths giving the festival a magnificent fair appearance. Children as well as older people, fell into the festival spirit and snowballs of popcorn and peanut stands did a thriving business.

The second day opened with judging of prize strawberry crates exhibited by various growers. First prize crate with 11-59 premium was won by Cecil Eakins of Ivanhoe, second prize, \$46 to W. H. Hatcher, Chinquapin; third, \$30 to Mrs. Henry Dixon, Wallace; and fourth prize, \$20, Mrs. J. H. Hall of Watha.

Following the auction in which the prize crate was sold for \$50, the first blue ribbon junior dairy show was held. Blue ribbon winners in the Guernsey class were James Jackson and Thomas Deaugh of Clinton. Blue Ribbon winners in the Jersey class, Dick Cording and Terry Cording of Wallace; Gene Holland of Warsaw; Bobby Cox and Peggy Ann Cox of Richlands; and W. V. Hayes of Watha.

In the Holstein class blue ribbon winners were Maurice Lefler, James Hall, J. H. Willard and William Perry of Watha. Prof. R. H. Rafter was judge and was principal speaker at the "Jamboree Supper" presided as master of ceremonies, was Agricultural Chairman, Evelyn Cording.

Milk production per cow in N. C. last year amounted to 4,330 pounds.

Hattie Gavin Abortion Trial Began Wednesday; Judge Frazelle Presides

By EMORY SADLER

Hattie Gavin, Negro, of Warsaw, N. C., went on trial here Wednesday morning charged with performing an abortion on Eunice Vann Rucker, 24 year old negro of Warsaw, N. C., last February 9th. The case was called for trial at 11 a.m. and Mr. Walker Stevens, of Warsaw, attorney for Hattie Gavin, immediately made a motion to have the case continued. He read his motion and affidavits from two doctors stating that M. Rivers D. Johnson, ring counsel for Hattie Gavin, was confined to his home under doctor's care as the result of an operation on May 5th. The motion was denied by Judge J. Paul Frazelle, presiding. Judge Frazelle had previously ruled that the case be tried this special term of court as it was called primarily for the purpose of trying this particular case; the case having been continued from the last regular term of court. Mr. Stevens then made a motion to quash the indictment and this motion was also denied by the court.

Hattie Gavin has been free on bond for several years on another indictment charging abortion where the patient died and there has been feeling generally in the section of the county where her reputation is known for the present case to be tried at once. Her activities in the field of abortion are alleged to have continued over a number of years.

Eunice Vann Rucker, upon whom the abortion is alleged to have been performed — was the first witness called. She testified that she went to the home of Hattie Gavin between seven thirty and eight o'clock on Wednesday evening, February 9th, and that she paid Hattie Gavin \$25.00 and promised to send her \$25.00 more as soon as she returned to Washington, D. C. where she is employed. That Hattie Gavin then had her lie down on the floor of an upstairs room and that Hattie Gavin inserted an instrument into the cervix of her uterus for the purpose of causing the premature birth of her child. That Dr. G. V. Gooding, County Health Officer, removed the tube from her vagina at about 11:00 o'clock on the same night with Dr. C. F. Hayes, of

Rose Hill, and County Health Nurse Mary Lee Sykes being present. She also testified that this identification was made at Eunice Vann Rucker's home where Hattie Gavin was brought by Sheriff's deputies for the purpose of identification after her arrest.

Sheriff Ralph J. Jones testified to being present at the identification. Identification was made and to what was said by Eunice Vann Rucker in the presence of Hattie Gavin.

Mrs. Mary Lee Sykes, County Health Nurse, testified to being present and assisting Dr. Gooding in his examination and to having seen the tube in the uterus of Eunice Vann Rucker and witnessing its removal.

Dr. Gooding testified that he made an examination of Eunice Vann Rucker and found the tube in her uterus. That he had the sheriff send for Dr. C. F. Hayes and removed the tube in his presence after Dr. Hayes had examined the patient. Dr. Gooding stated that the child was alive when he removed the tube. He also confirmed testimony as to the identification of Hattie Gavin by Eunice Vann Rucker.

Dr. C. F. Hayes testified that he was present and examined the patient and that the tube was in her uterus and was removed by Dr. Gooding. That the child was alive when the tube was removed and that from his examination of the patient there was no reason to perform the abortion to save either the life of the child or the mother. Dr. Hayes also testified that he was present when Hattie Gavin was brought into the room and that he heard Eunice Vann Rucker identify her as the woman who placed the tube in her uterus.

The State rested its case at 5:15 p.m. and Judge Frazelle adjourned court until 10:00 o'clock Thursday morning.

Mr. E. Walker Stevens, representing the defense, cross-examined the witnesses closely and asked many exceptions to testimony allowed to go to the jury. He questioned Dr. Hayes particularly about two second tablets prescribed for the patient and sought to show that they could have relaxed mus-

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Want To Fiddle? Win Some Money?

Be in Clinton Saturday afternoon, at the courthouse, at 2 o'clock if you can handle a fiddle, banjo, guitar, or what have you in the way of stringed instruments. The folks there are going to put on an old fashioned fiddler's convention from 2 to 4 o'clock. Radio station WRRZ will broadcast it, 880 on your dial. Listen in if you can't attend. Believe it or not, you may hear Les Williams, our local amiable postmaster or maybe Lury Lery and his fiddle, his brother James with his steel guitar or Tyson Bostic with his spanish guitar. You remember'em folks, they played at the street dance in Kenansville. There probably will be others from Duplin taking part in the contest. Prizes will be awarded in the amount of \$25 first prize, \$15 second and \$10 third prize.

Ask New P. O. Bus Service For Pink Hill, Kenansville

Patrons of Pink Hill and other post offices along the proposed route are working towards securing a bus mail line from Rocky Mount to Warsaw via Pin-stops, Farmville, Greenville, Kinston, Deep Run, Pink Hill and Kenansville. Jap Smith, postmaster at Pink Hill says prospects for securing the bus are good.

WOMEN OF CHURCH TO MEET HALLSVILLE

The women of the Hallsville Presbyterian Church will meet Saturday evening at the church in celebration of the birthday of the organization. A picnic supper will be spread at 6:30 and the meeting to follow. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a basket. This meeting is not confined to the women but every member of the family is invited to attend.

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