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## BAD ROADS CAUSE ENORMOUS LOSS

### Road Supervisor Says Craven County Loses \$98,184 Annually.

### MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

Says Narrow Auto and Wagon Tires Destroy Many Roads.

R. E. Snowden, Craven county's road supervisor and civil engineer, appeared before the Board of Commissioners yesterday and made a report of the work he has accomplished since talking charge of the county roads last February.

This report, extracts of which follow, was full of interesting facts and proved of much interest to every member of the Board and the recommendations contained therein will be carried out as closely and as soon as possible. Mr. Snowden said:

"I came to your county, to assist you in securing a system of good roads, February 10th, 1913. I found your roads in a very badly neglected condition. I have secured township maintenance foremen for all the townships except two and have promise of foremen for those, if it is decided that you are to continue to work the roads as you are doing at present. The lack of available labor and the neglected condition of the roads, made it impossible to make any progress towards getting the roads in shape until Spring.

### Construction Convicts.

"I found the convicts under the supervision of Mr. Provo, when I came and I find him a very efficient and capable superintendent. He gets the greatest amount of work out of the convicts with the least trouble of any convict superintendent that I have ever been associated with on road work and has his men under excellent control and is always ready and willing to carry out instructions and do anything to promote the rapid completion of his work. After I came we worked the convicts ditching and widening the Oak Road, and repairing roads in the 9th, 8th and 2nd Townships, until the camp outfit came, the middle of March. We then moved to the Vanceboro Road (via Bridgeton) and began to rebuild that road. The convicts have been steadily employed on this road since; except when working the county farm, and have completed the clearing, grubbing, ditching and shaping of about five miles. There remains the deep sand just beyond Bridgeton and near Noah Fulchers to be clayed.

### Rebuilt Roads.

"I find that the roads already built lack uniformity in width and crown; that the roads have been worked piecemeal, instead of beginning at one end and working continuously, until each road was complete. I find that the drainage has been neglected, especially in getting the water out of the side ditches, after it has drained from the roadway.

"The roads that have not been rebuilt are too narrow, too flat, not properly drained and lack generally the essentials that go to make a good road easy to travel and easy to maintain. Most of the bridges of the county need repairing, especially the wooden structures; the steel spans and the draws need painting. Taken in a general way and considering the small amount that has been spent on these bridges, they are, due to your exceedingly competent bridge superintendent, in good shape for the money expended.

"The bridges on the roads that belong to private citizens, range from fairly good to very bad; generally bad. There is a sentiment throughout the county that you should keep up the private bridges required by the road, as they are, in Lenoir and other counties. I will advise that this would go far towards securing better roads, by obtaining uniformly constructed bridges and culverts and believe that it should be done; but that it would require an act of the legislature, as has been done in other counties for your Board to relieve the people of keeping up their private bridges.

"My recommendation to your Board, for the maintenance of your roads in the future, is to follow the system that you are now using for unimproved (Continued on Page Two)

## TO HAVE "MINUTE DELIVERY"

### Bakery Owner To Deliver Orders In Modern Way.

Alfred A. Kafer, owner and proprietor of Kafer's bakery, has purchased from the Hyman Supply Company a Studebaker motor delivery wagon. The machine will arrive this week and as soon as it is placed in commission the patrons of his establishment will be given a "minute delivery" service.

Among the other improvements made in the establishment by Mr. Kafer is the adoption of perfectly sanitary corrugated paper shipping cases which will be used in making shipments of bread to points outside the city.

## NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY MAKING IMPROVEMENTS.

The Norfolk Southern Railway Company is filling in Pasteur street from Queen street to a point opposite their car shops and as soon as the work is completed a side track which will connect with the main line will be placed here. Among the other improvements and changes being made by this company, they are moving the are moving the cinder pit, which has so long been a source of annoyance to the people residing on Dunn street, to a point north of the coal chute.

## PACKAGE LAW IS NOW EFFECTIVE

### STANDARD SIZES FOR CONTAINERS REQUIRED UNDER NEW YORK STATUTE.

Truck growers and shippers in and around New Bern have been notified and have made arrangements to comply with the Brooks standard package law which became effective in New York last Saturday.

Several weeks ago the New York commission houses sent notices to their representatives in this section notifying them of the new law, the main features of which are contained below:

(1) Containers for Vegetables, Produce and Fruit of Standard Size—(a) A barrel shall represent a quantity of 7,056 cubic inches or be of the following dimensions: Head diameter, 17 1-8 inches; length of stave, 28 1-2 inches; bilge, not less than 64 inches outside; distance between heads, not less than 26 inches. A variation of 1 1-2 per cent. above or below will be allowed, but the variation shall not be uniformly below in a test of twelve barrels taken at random.

(b) A half barrel shall represent a quantity equal to 3,528 cubic inches. A variation of 1 1-2 per cent. in the capacity above or below will be allowed, but in no case shall the variation run uniformly below in a test of twelve barrels taken at random.

(c) Containers other than barrels or half-barrels shall have the following dimensions: Two bushels, one bushel, half bushel, one peck, half peck, quart, peck, one pint and half pint.

(2) Containers for Vegetables, Produce and Fruit of Other Than Standard Size Enumerated Above—(a). When not of the size enumerated above, the barrels shall be marked with bold, broad-faced letters at least one inch in height in terms of the fractional part of the barrel. For instance, a barrel that contains three-fourths of a standard barrel shall be marked "3-4 barrel."

(b). Baskets or containers which are not of the standard size enumerated above shall be marked in bold, broad-faced letters, at least one-half inch in height, given in terms of dry quarts, dry pints and half pints.

(c). Variation or tolerances on barrels or containers of other size than those of standard size enumerated above, the variation allowed in the next size, smaller size will be allowed; and in no case shall the variation be uniformly below in a test of six containers taken at random.

All markings of those other than standard size shall be upon the side or the top of the container and not on the bottom.

Individual shippers who send their produce direct to the New York market should observe these regulations in order that they may avoid

## MOTORCYCLISTS DISCUSS RACE

### Number of Local Machine Owners Met Last Night In Elks' Temple.

### PLANNING FOR JULY MEET

Prizes Amounting To Fifty Dollars Are To Be Awarded The Winners

A number of the members of the local Motorcycle Club met in the office of the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce last night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of discussing and arranging for the big motorcycle races to be held at the Fair grounds on July 4.

These races are to be held in connection with the horse racing and from present indications will be one of the features of the day. The first event of this variety ever held in this city took place on that track during the Fair last October and was witnessed by several thousand persons. Since that time interest in motoring has increased several fold and the coming races will not only be witnessed by hundreds of citizens of New Bern but there will be many visitors here.

There will be two races, both for three miles over a half mile circular track, the first for single cylinder machines and the second for two cylinder machines. Prizes amounting to fifty dollars, fifteen dollars as the first prize and ten dollars as the second prize, will be awarded in each race. Motorcyclists in a number of Eastern North Carolina cities and towns are intending to participate in these races and for that reason the event is open to all.

Among the visiting motorcyclists who are expected to be present will be Captain David Lancaster, the Meteor King, of Vanceboro and several members of the Wilmington Motorcycle Club. Owners of machines from Kinston and Washington are also expected to be present and the New Bern Motorcycle Club and also the Eastern Carolina Fair Association, under whose auspices the event will be held, extend to every machine owner an invitation to participate.

## THE METHODISTS RAISE LARGE SUM

### CONTRIBUTED \$7,466 TOWARD PAYING OFF THE CHURCH DEBT.

Every member of Centenary Methodist church who could possibly be present attended the morning service at that church last Sunday and by their united efforts succeeded in raising the magnificent sum of seven thousand four hundred and sixty-six dollars toward paying off a debt on the church of eight thousand and five hundred dollars.

It was a proud day in the heart of every member of the church. For several years this debt has hung over the congregation and there was not a member who was not anxious to see it liquidated. Rev. Hirtley, who has had charge of the church for several years, has devoted every effort to paying off the debt, and these have borne fruit.

When the taking of subscriptions began there was much excitement. Everybody gave something, some large amounts and some smaller sums but all were given in a cheerful manner. When these were counted it was found that the amount above mentioned had been secured. A thousand dollars of the debt remains unpaid but the Methodists are sure that they can secure this sum among the members of the church with but little trouble and the entire debt will soon be a thing of the past.

having their shipments refused. It would be well for those who have not received a copy of the regulations to cut this article from the Journal and reserve for future reference.

## OSCAR A. KAFER TO BE COLLECTOR

### New Bern Man to Have Charge Of The Local Customs Office.

### ASSUMES DUTIES ON JULY 1

Four North Carolina Ports Have Recently Been Consolidated.

Oscar A. Kafer, formerly owner and proprietor of Kafer's bakery but who has recently sold that establishment to his brother and retired from business, has been appointed a Customs Collector at the port of New Bern and will assume his new duties on July 1.

Under a recent order the ports of Wilmington, New Bern, Beaufort and Elizabeth City have been consolidated, this change to go into effect on July 1 and after that date all the business will be transacted through the Wilmington office instead of going direct to Washington as has heretofore been the case.

At New Bern, Beaufort and Elizabeth City the offices will be kept open and the amount of business transacted through any of them will be practically the same as has heretofore been the case. B. F. Keith, who is in charge of the Wilmington office, visited New Bern and the other two ports last week and made the appointments of the collectors who will be in charge of the offices.

## NEGROES INJURED IN FIGHT SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

During a melee near Five Points Sunday afternoon in which several persons were implicated, Fred Davis, and Moses Spruill, colored, were painfully injured by being cut with a knife or razor. Davis' injuries were such that a physician spent more than an hour in patching him up, while Spruill escaped with less damage to his anatomy. The affair was to have been investigated in the police court yesterday afternoon but Davis was not able to be present and the case was continued for a few days.

## SURVEYING PARTY CAPTURE TWO DEER

### CHASE FLEETFOOTED ANIMALS IN FASTNESS OF DISMAL SWAMP.

A deer is one of the most fleet-footed animals in the world and to be able to run one down is considered somewhat a feat, yet several men employed by the John L. Roper Lumber Company and who are now working in the Dismal Swamp at a point about fifteen miles South of Suffolk, Va., actually did this a few days ago. Not only did they capture a animal but were fortunate enough to secure two.

In a letter received last night by the Journal from Hugh Dudley who is employed as a surveyor by that company, the writer states that while surveying near that point last Saturday he and his assistants sighted two small deer on a ridge some distance from the spot at which they were working. Some member of the party jokingly suggested that they catch the animals and the men at once began pursuit.

Any one who has passed through the Dismal Swamp is familiar with the variety of ground found there and can well appreciate the efforts of the deer chasers. However, strange as it may seem, Mr. Dudley and his companions actually ran the deer down and now have them in captivity at their camp at Corapeake, N. C., and according to the contents of the letter the animals are enjoying their visit with the woodmen who so capably demonstrated their ability to "hit the grit."

B. F. Bennett of this city has purchased the store and stock of goods owned by M. L. Willis at Arapahoe and will in the future operate the establishment.

## WEATHER BUREAU BULLETIN

### Temperature Slightly Below Seasonal In Eastern States.

Washington, June 2.—The forecast of the weather Bureau for the week, issued Sunday, is as follows:

The distribution of barometric pressure over the North American continent and the adjacent oceans is such as to indicate temperatures near or slightly below the seasonal average the coming week in Northern and Central States east of the Rocky Mountains and the far Northeast, and temperatures slightly above the seasonal average in the Gulf States and on the Pacific slope. The precipitation during the week will be light and generally below the normal.

A disturbance that may carry the Great Lakes will move toward and cause local rains and thunders on Monday in the Eastern and Southern States and may be followed by rising pressure and generally fair weather for several days in the region East of the Rocky Mountains. Another disturbance will develop Tuesday or Wednesday over the Western Pacific region and move Eastward, crossing the middle West Thursday or Friday and the Eastern States near the end of the week. The disturbance will be attended by local showers and thunderstorms and be followed by cooler weather.

## MANY ATTENDING REVIVAL MEETING

### AUDIENCE FAR LARGER IN THE TENT SUNDAY NIGHT FINE SINGING.

Large crowds attended the services at the Tabernacle Baptist church Sunday, the opening day of the big tent meeting which the church and its pastor, Rev. J. B. Phillips, have been looking forward to for some time. All services for the day, beginning with the Sunday School were held in the large tent. The attendance on the Sunday school, Superintendent Miller said, was the largest in the history of the church.

At the eleven o'clock preaching service the attendance was again very large. Mr. Phillips preached a strong sermon on the "Life of Moses" and Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Brown, gifted singers from Chicago, who have assisted Mr. Phillips in many meetings, sang "Have You Any Room for Jesus?"

At night the audience was too large for the tent and people had to stand on the grass at the various entrances in order to get a glimpse of the pastor and the singers. Mr. Phillips' subject was "Gideon Delivering Israel from the Midianites" and his sermon was a very effective discourse, directed especially to Christian people. Mr. and Mrs. Brown closed the service by singing "The Sweet Will of God."

The singing of this gifted couple was greatly enjoyed by the large congregations of the day. Both have very sweet voices naturally and their work shows evidence of the most careful training. The music of the Tabernacle revival will undoubtedly attract many people to the services.

The services last night were well attended and proved of especial interest to all. The tent was packed to its utmost capacity and the singing and song service proved very interesting and enjoyable.

Services are held each night and the public are cordially invited to attend. Song service begins at 7:45, preaching at 8:15.

Dr. John B. Griggs, John H. Snowden, R. E. Lewis and A. G. James of Elizabeth City passed through the city yesterday enroute to Wilmington to attend the Grand Council of the Knights Templar of the Eastern District.

### Index to New Advertisements—

Kafer's Bakery—Everybody has a special hobby.  
National Bank—The road to wealth.  
New Bern Banking & Trust Co.—Your money and prosperity.  
Citizens' Saving Bank & Trust Co.—Are you protecting your business?  
A. Caster—For your consideration.  
S. Coplon & Son—This week we are featuring blue serge.

## THE ROAD TAX IS INCREASED

### Twenty Cents On The Hundred Dollars Will In The Future Be Paid In Craven.

### HAS BEEN FIFTEEN CENTS

Road Work Discussed At Joint Meeting Of Commissioners And Magistrates.

The Board of Commissioners of Craven county will be held in session on the 10th inst. at 10 o'clock a.m. at the court house in this city.

The board will meet yesterday when the Craven county Board of Commissioners met in joint session at the court house in this city.

Reel will discuss the road tax increase at the meeting. The report to the Board of Commissioners by the Magistrates dealt extensively with this subject and was of much interest. The work which has been done in connection with the roads of Craven county during the past twelve months was told in detail. It showed that a road supervisor had been engaged at a salary of \$150 per month to superintend the work and that through his efforts the 19,400,000 of the county were now being improved.

In their report the Magistrates recommended that a physician be employed to give his entire service to the county and to place in his hands the supervision of the health of the county. This would cost about \$2,000 annually and that this amount be paid by the county school board.

Among the other important matters taken up and recommended in the report was the building of an addition to the court house or the erection of large vaults beneath the present building, the work to cost between \$25,000 and \$35,000. Col. James A. Bryan vigorously opposed any such premeditated action on the part of the county. E. M. Green also stated that he thought any change in the building would ruin its architectural appearance and suggested that the office of the Register of Deeds, where the records are kept, be made fireproof.

At this juncture, C. D. Bradham, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, stated that the present road tax of fifteen cents on the hundred dollars was inadequate to meet expenses and recommended an increase. J. C. Thomas, Jr., moved that the road tax for the coming year be increased to twenty-five cents on the hundred dollars and seventy-five cents on the poll. This was opposed and after considerable discussion, the Board agreed to increase the tax twenty cents.

Owing to the fact that the Board had so much business to transact during the day the committee from the Chamber of Commerce who were to have appeared before the Board with a report on the condition of the county found it best to discontinue their appearance until the following day.

There will be no regular dance on Saturday night or Tuesday evening, June 11. The dance prizes to be awarded on the regular occasions of the season will still be held as well as usual at the Tabernacle Baptist church on Saturday night.

## PROGRAM AT THE YWCA TOMORROW

VALMONT  
Joe Goldman and Lottie Carroll  
The Midgets and De Cosmos.  
A splendid program and you won't be disappointed.

PICTURES  
"Broncho Billy's Gun-Play."  
Another thrilling and daring story of the West by the Estany Co. featuring G. M. Anderson.  
"The \$20,000 Carat"  
A Kalem drama.

"The Hardup Family's Bluff"  
A roaring Pathe comedy.  
SPECIAL—All this week, Worth orchestra. They delighted our audience last night with their charming selections.  
Matinee daily at 5 o'clock. Two shows at night. First starts at 8 o'clock. Second about 9:15, or immediately after close of first.  
Observe the time and always get a desirable seat.