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Highway Commission Head Parries But Doesn't Answer Questions Posed Tuesday Night in Lenoir County Meet

Tuesday night State Highway Commission Chairman Merrill Evans of Ahoskie made a personable if not convincing appearance before several hundred Lenoir Countians, who were primarily interested in when the eastern part of the state was going to begin getting a fair share of the money being spent for road construction.

Evans, who served as highway commissioner under Governor Gregg Cherry, parried dozens of questions ranging from the overall highway program of Eastern Carolina down to such small problems as the improvement of nine-tenths of a mile of road through a Lenoir County subdivision.

Evans denied that Eastern Carolina was getting less than its fair share of highway expenditures, but he admitted that it would be difficult to go back to the formula used prior to 1957 when roughly the amount of money collected in an area was returned to that area in new road and maintenance funds.

Evans explained that the Federal Bureau of Roads, which pays half the cost of primary roads, and 90 per cent of the cost of so-called super highways would not look with favor on a return to this formula which was used from the beginning of the state system until 1957.

Evans doubted but did not deny that the section of US 70 between Goldsboro and New Bern was the last scheduled for four-laning under the promises that are currently being made about improvements to this major east-west artery.

Evans used a questionable kind of arithmetic in down-grading the flow of traffic that would be poured into East Carolina with the completion of the Chesapeake Bay tunnel and bridge at Norfolk. He spoke in terms of 50 to 60 additional cars per day penetrating to any depth per day on the several highways that come into North Carolina from the Metropolitan Norfolk area.

Evans, a former Hertford County commissioner, admitted — to the relief of Lenoir County Commissioners — that county boards had a lot of responsibility but precious little authority over when and where roads are built in a county.

Evans attempted repeatedly to explain the priority system for secondary road construction, and admitted that neither he nor anyone else to his knowledge in the department had ever been able to determine the difference between a rural secondary road and a subdivision road.

Evans said bids would be let in April on four-laning of NC 11 from Kinston to the Du Pont plant, and then an aide hurriedly reminded him that it would be April of 1964, and not this year. This road was promised in 1951, and has been under survey since 1956.

Evans ignored or over looked a question from Editor Jake Strother as to plans, if any for handling NC 11 traffic into, through or around Kinston. Strother had asked at the same time about the traffic from the Norfolk tunnel.

Evans affirmed that he was still opposed to building any toll roads, and that he was in favor of a bond issue to catch up with the pressing needs of the state's primary road system and secondary road system.

Recorder Noble Clears 22 Cases from Docket In Busy Session 18th

Last Friday was the busiest session the newly constituted Jones County Recorder's Court has yet held. Judge Nick Noble cleared 22 cases from the docket, a good many of which were pleas of guilty in absentia to speeding on US 17.

The most serious case before the court was that of David Williams of Cove City route 1 who was accused of drunken driving, carrying a concealed weapon and hit and run driving. He was found not guilty of drunken driving, but guilty of the other two charges. Fines and court costs amounted to \$77 against Williams and the P-38 German pistol he had was ordered confiscated and sold according to law.

Other cases included Mildred Cashin of Huntington, N. Y., speeding, \$30; Joe Nathan Moore, driving without license, not guilty; James Edward Miller, improper equipment, \$16; Jean Paul Albert, New Brunswick, Canada, speeding \$70; David Joseph Whelan, New York City, speeding, \$30.

Harlan Conly, Swarthmore, Pa., speeding, \$26; Viola Marie Lee, drunken driving and driving without a license, 60 days in jail suspended on payment of \$100 fine, court cost and surrender of driving license for one year. Robert L. Maxwell, speeding, \$16; Horace G. Floyd, New Bern route 4, speeding, \$16; James Augustus Brunton, driving without glasses, \$16; Z. Merritt Hargett, New Bern route 3, speeding \$26; Joan Leslie Littleton, Midway Park, speeding \$26.

Doris Morris McIntosh, Kinston, fail give proper signal, \$16, Herbert Edward Lee, New Bern, improper passing, \$16; Paul Kowalski, Jacksonville, Florida, speeding, \$30; Joe Ray Spencer, fail dim lights, \$16; James D. Pierce, Camp Lejeune, speeding, \$26.

Joseph Goings III, Camp Lejeune, speeding \$26; Russell Wilson Barr, West Jefferson, speeding, \$30; Julius Locklear Jr. of Maysville, speeding, \$20.

Jones County 4-H Council has Meeting; Makes Summer Plans

The Jones County 4-H County Council held its regular meeting Monday night, in the Agriculture Building.

J. N. Hill, III presided over the meeting.

The pledges were led by Jackie Eubanks and Annette Lowery. Joan Carol Stroud was in charge of the devotional. Patricia MacDaniel led the group in singing with Sonia Rae Harrison at the piano. Jimmie Pollock, secretary, gave the roll call and read the minutes.

Reports were given by Janice Lowery on the Christmas Party, and Linda Moore on the car tags. The Committee appointed for National 4-H Club week, March 2-9, were chairman - Glenn Harrison,

Thirty East Carolina Counties Got 15% 1961-62 Road Funds

The tabulation at right shows county-by-county the expenditure during all of 1961 and 1962 for road work in North Carolina. The figures, of course, speak for themselves.

But an analysis of the expenditures in the 30 counties that are east of Super Highway 301 reveals that they received only \$19,410,976.02 of the total expenditure of \$128,560,690.86.

In fact three of these eastern counties — all on major US Highway 17 in that entire two year period did not get one cent of road construction money: Brunswick, Chowan and Perquimans counties. The four eastern counties through which the highway once called "North Carolina's Main Street" — US 70 runs fared almost as badly.

Jones Central PTA Has Meeting and Hears About Library

The Jones Central PTA held its regular meeting Monday night at the high school.

Mrs. Linwood Cox presided over the meeting.

Mrs. Marvin Thomas was in charge of the program, she had as guest speaker Miss Frances Gesh, State Library Consultant, from Raleigh, and Mrs. Lovella Posey, Director of the Neuse Regional Library from Kinston.

They presented an interesting program. Mr. Leo Nance gave a report on the activity bus after which the meeting was adjourned.

METHODIST SUPPER

The Fellowship Class of Trenton Methodist Church will have a supper at the Church Sunday, January 29, at 6 P. M. All members are invited to come and bring their families and a covered dish.

Sonia Rae Harrison, Patricia McDaniel.

It was announced that Jones County 4-H'ers would attend Camp Betsy-Geff-Penn, located near Reidsville, August 12-17.

A program on crafts was given by Janice Lowery, Linda Haddock, Betty Becton, Billy Faulkner, Jimmie Pollock and Miss Anne Reece, they showed some of the handi-crafts which they learned at camp last summer.

Annete Lowery was reporter for the group. Miss Anne Reece, Assistant Economic Agent, met with the group along with 10 adult leaders. The Program planning committee included John Stroud, Linda Haddock, Donna Parker.

Road Spending Analysis Shows East Carolina Still Being Shorted

COUNTY	1961	1962	TOTAL 1961-1962
Alamance	1,071,486.67	321,165.29	1,392,651.96
Alexander		67,288.65	67,288.65
Alleghany	116,401.93	83,147.00	199,548.93
Anson	71,191.08	170,950.54	242,141.62
Ashe	612,788.00	455,604.07	1,068,392.07
Avery		40,558.00	40,558.00
Beaufort	316,076.27	1,084,970.38	1,401,046.65
Bertie		197,183.40	197,183.40
Bladen	115,037.70	175,131.90	290,169.60
Brunswick			
Buncombe	1,774,965.05	569,683.61	2,344,648.66
Burke	271,132.09	543,275.70	814,407.79
Cabarrus	286,265.16	519,625.82	805,890.98
Caldwell	651,372.87	424,391.99	1,075,764.86
Camden	299,467.90		299,467.90
Carteret	557,276.48	1,677,095.97	2,234,372.45
Caswell	275,411.20	45,466.10	320,877.30
Catawba	1,027,560.10	438,748.47	1,466,308.57
Chatham	834,777.95	818,972.89	1,653,750.84
Cherokee	297,099.00	446,036.17	743,135.17
Chowan			
Clay		67,906.66	67,906.66
Cleveland	282,613.90	730,724.28	1,013,338.18
Columbus	163,703.20	286,036.90	449,740.10
Craven	330,045.90	283,145.97	613,191.87
Cumberland	352,483.93	1,014,895.13	1,367,379.04
Currituck	299,467.90		299,467.90
Dare	146,989.50	4,494,763.19	4,641,752.69
Davidson	58,024.25	575,578.19	633,602.44
Davie	107,022.00	234,009.69	341,031.69
Duplin	199,972.45	544,909.10	744,881.55
Durham	776,125.24	84,043.25	860,168.49
Edgecombe	244,854.24	372,416.31	617,270.55
Forsyth	2,533,907.10	5,013,118.75	7,547,025.85
Franklin			
Gaston	2,082,681.39	2,709,888.44	4,792,569.83
Gates	64,971.41	65,120.00	130,091.41
Graham		530,265.00	530,265.00
Granville	133,601.00	802,876.86	936,477.86
Greene	22,395.00	137,426.75	159,821.75
Guilford	2,154,503.25	1,172,559.79	3,327,063.04
Halifax	192,944.96	1,862,838.12	2,055,783.08
Harnett	196,271.49	206,756.66	403,028.15
Haywood	9,302,922.30	7,070,057.75	16,372,980.05
Henderson	243,530.97	318,028.70	561,559.67
Hertford	442,135.56	180,494.98	622,630.54
Hoke		169,888.12	169,888.12
Hyde	5,450.00		5,450.00
Iredell	1,594,560.14	142,662.69	1,737,222.83
Jackson	91,076.73	257,542.28	348,619.01
Jackson	214,321.89	554,749.33	769,071.22
Jones	30,766.55	131,390.75	162,157.30
Lee	55,377.30	445,574.84	500,952.14
Lenoir	149,599.55	203,892.05	353,491.60
Lincoln	416,891.19	215,952.60	632,843.79
Macon		736,660.30	736,660.30
Madison	93,007.25	1,146,263.00	1,239,270.25
Martin		170,478.60	170,478.60
McDowell	327,646.73	486,411.83	814,058.56
Mecklenburg	2,555,444.91	927,533.66	3,482,978.57
Mitchell		91,909.00	91,909.00
Montgomery	164,308.28	1,093,729.34	1,258,037.62
Moore	34,837.50	341,490.23	376,327.73
Nash	1,015,344.73	1,818,397.05	2,833,741.78
New Hanover	1,444,655.02	1,688,489.26	3,133,144.28
Northampton	773,031.01	778,840.57	1,551,871.58
Onslow	324,254.07	97,094.80	421,348.87
Orange	456,113.79	126,505.00	582,618.79
Pamlico		44,652.00	44,652.00
Pasquotank		139,579.00	139,579.00
Pender	34,177.50		34,177.50
Perquimans			
Person	97,968.72		97,968.72
Pitt	402,308.72	387,040.70	789,349.42
Polk	133,599.00	65,413.19	199,012.19
Randolph	357,636.50	3,894,952.25	4,252,588.75
Richmond	13,671.09	217,667.90	231,338.99
Robeson	1,975,795.14	408,909.85	2,384,704.99
Rockingham	90,190.55	1,403,175.12	1,493,365.67
Rowan	8,702,335.09	1,680,808.70	10,383,143.79
Rutherford	287,317.50	582,552.44	869,869.94
Sampson	48,038.30	414,650.55	462,688.85
Scotland	103,214.50	42,451.25	145,665.75
Stanley	95,024.19	354,404.89	449,429.08
Stokes	32,767.18	1,179,993.25	1,212,760.43
Surry	271,244.61	1,847,805.23	2,119,049.84
Swain	94,075.49	604,394.11	698,469.60
Transylvania	332,586.86	131,197.09	463,783.95
Tyrrell	35,909.50		35,909.50
Union	97,619.94	125,595.30	223,215.24
Vance	47,715.00		47,715.00
Wake	4,320,077.94	688,080.84	5,008,158.78
Warren	1,134,159.71	881,868.88	2,016,028.59
Washington	48,577.67		48,577.67
Watagua	76,989.23	1,402,949.61	1,479,938.84
Wayne	704,628.71	327,211.23	1,031,839.94
Wilkes	131,470.61	1,227,152.56	1,358,623.17
Wilson	38,447.00	327,561.88	366,008.88
Yadkin	1,275,548.90	1,113,303.64	2,388,852.54
Yancey	685,065.00	300,384.50	985,449.50
TOTALS	\$60,304,323.48	\$68,256,367.68	\$128,560,690.86