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BROUGHTON, THE ROAD BUILDER AND SPINNER OF TALL, TALL TALES

Road Allocations in Broughton's Last Commission Year

Alamance	\$1,071,467.67
Alexander	0
Allegheny	116,401.93
Anson	71,191.08
Ashe	612,788.00
Avery	0
Beaufort	316,076.27
Bertie	0
Bladen	115,037.70
Brunswick	0
Buncombe	1,774,965.05
Burke	271,132.09
Cabarrus	286,265.16
Caldwell	651,372.87
Camden	299,467.90
Carteret	577,276.48
Caswell	275,411.20
Catawba	1,027,560.10
Chatham	834,777.95
Cherokee	297,099.00
Chowan	0
Clay	0
Cleveland	282,613.90
Columbus	163,708.20
Craven	330,045.90
Cumberland	352,483.93
Currituck	299,467.90
Dare	146,989.50
Davidson	58,024.25
Davie	107,022.00
Duplin	199,972.45
Durham	776,125.24
Edgecombe	244,854.24
Forsyth	2,533,907.10
Franklin	0
Gaston	2,082,681.39
Gates	64,971.41
Graham	0
Granville	133,601.00
Greene	22,395.00
Guilford	2,154,503.25
Halifax	192,944.96
Harnett	196,271.49
Haywood	9,302,922.30
Henderson	243,530.97
Hertford	422,135.56
Hoke	0
Hyde	5,450.00
Iredell	1,594,560.14
Jackson	91,076.73
Johnston	214,321.89
Jones	30,766.55
Lee	55,377.30
Lenoir	149,599.55
Lincoln	416,891.19
Macon	0
Madison	93,007.25
Martin	0
McDowell	327,646.73
Mecklenburg	2,555,444.91
Mitchell	0
Montgomery	164,308.28
Moore	34,837.50
Nash	1,015,344.73
New Hanover	1,444,655.02
Northampton	773,091.01
Onslow	324,254.07
Orange	456,113.79
Pamlico	0
Pasquotank	0
Pender	34,177.50
Perquimans	0
Person	97,968.72
Pitt	402,308.72
Polk	183,599.00
Randolph	357,636.50
Richmond	13,671.09
Robeson	1,975,795.14
Rockingham	90,190.55
Rowan	8,702,335.09
Rutherford	287,317.50
Sampson	48,888.30
Scotland	103,214.50
Stanley	95,024.19
Stokes	32,767.18
Surry	271,244.61
Swain	94,075.49
Transylvania	332,586.86
Tyrrell	35,909.50
Union	97,619.94
Vance	47,715.00
Wake	4,320,077.94
Warren	1,134,159.71
Washington	48,677.87
Watauga	76,989.29
Wayne	704,628.71
Wilkes	131,470.81
Wilson	38,447.00
Yadkin	1,275,348.90
Yancey	685,065.00

By Jack Rider
One of the ugly axioms of politics is "Voters Have Short Memories."

Gubernatorial Candidate J. Melville Broughton is betting a lot of money and some effort on this unflattering attitude toward those he hopes will elevate him to the state's chief executive ship.

Broughton among other things, made the first mistake of kicking off his Eastern North Carolina campaign with a thundering promise in Elizabeth City that he would leave no stone unturned to bring good roads to the forgotten eastern end of the state.

Apparently candidates have shorter memories than voters,

since Broughton, who served four years as Chairman of the North Carolina Highway Commission, completely forgot that in the last year of his tenure in that capacity the County of Pasquotank, of which Elizabeth City is county seat, got exactly no dollars and no cents worth of roadbuilding money.

Broughton also overlooked, or ignored that fact that there were seven counties east of Highway 301 in that final year of his chairmanship which suffered this same sad fate. Bertie, Brunswick, Chowan, Martin, Pamlico and Perquimans were the other forgotten six.

And now that the campaign is in full swing Broughton has issued a pamphlet which boasts

of his accomplishments as highway commission chairman.

"The Broughton (Highway) Commission changed the old, outmoded method of distributing road funds, completed the most comprehensive inventory of road needs ever made, started work on massive highway and bridge projects, and prepared a 15-year plan for road building that is still being followed."

You can bet your last Luther Hodges button they did just exactly that.

For instance, during the 4-year tenure of Messrs. Hodges and Broughton more new road money was spent in the single Piedmont County of Forsyth that was spent in all 31 of those counties east of Highway 301.

Under that "old, outmoded method of distributing road funds" each district got back approximately the same amount of money of road work that was collected in the district gasoline taxes. Hodges and Broughton decided that this was not a fair system, so they set about with their little plan.

In the final year of the Broughton chairmanship, after he and Hodges had had time to implement their "new, fair system" those forgotten 31 counties east of 301 got a total of \$6,135,755.14 for new roadwork, out of the total of \$60,304,323.48 that was spent that year.

Those 31 counties included, at that time 20.9 per cent of the state's population, but Broughton's highway commission sent back to 24 of them just 10.1 per cent of the total road building money. The other seven of course, got nothing.

In that final Broughton year Rowan County got a total of \$8,702,335.09 for new road work — over \$2 million more than all of those 31 counties east of 301. Under this "fair" system Rowan's 1.8 per cent of the state's

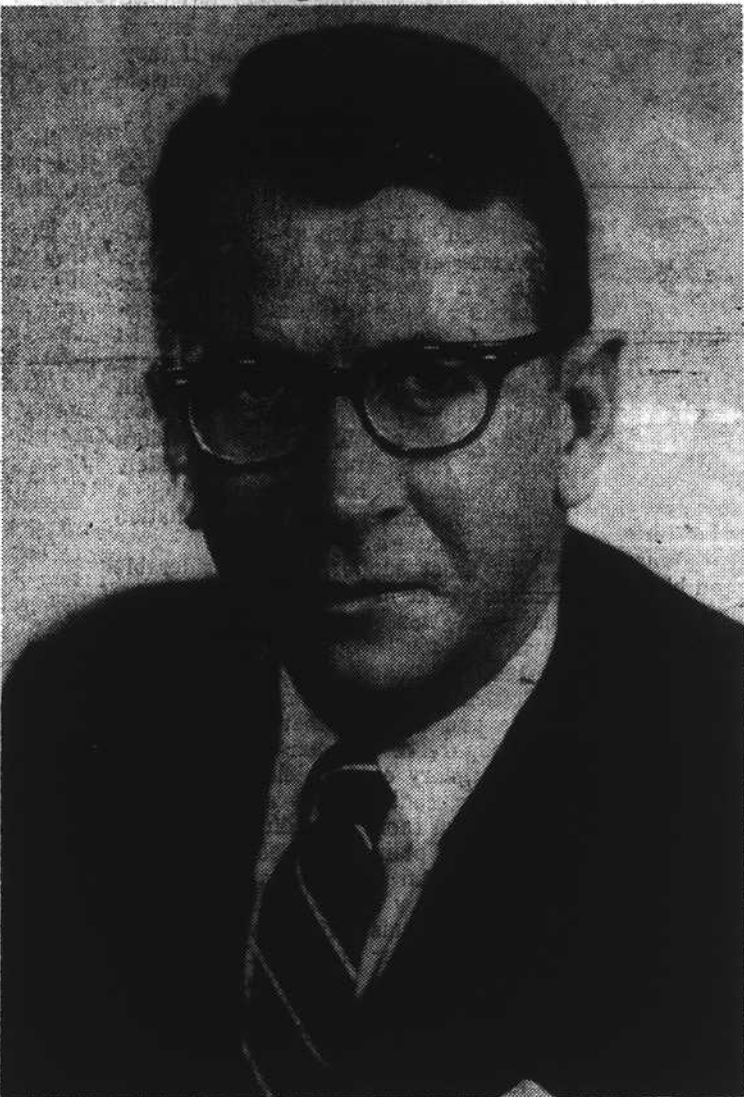
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EDITORIAL

Road Building Not Mel's Best Suit



The front page of this issue is very largely devoted to a review of the roadbuilding record of Gubernatorial Candidate J. Melville Broughton.

This paper has not changed the view it expressed some months ago when the candidacies of Broughton, Bob Scott, Jim Gardner and Jack Stickley were made formal: That North Carolina voters in both parties were fortunate to have a choice in the primary and again in the general election between such able candidates.

This review of Broughton's road-building record does not lessen the view of his character but it does seriously question the wisdom of his campaign, in which he has made the mistake of bragging about the "fair" way he and his commission distributed roadbuilding money.

We know very well that Broughton had very little to do with the actual distribution of those funds. This was handled by the man who chose Broughton as a "figure head" highway commission chairman, Luther Hartwell Hodges.

But recognition of Broughton's small part in this abusive distribution of funds does not remove from him the responsibility to have spoken out and to have offered some small measure of protection for the eastern end of the state, and for all of those other parts of the state which fared so badly under Hodges' mania for super-highway construction.

Broughton has many facets upon which he could wage a reasonable campaign, but first among the things that he surely cannot expect the vast majority of the people in the state to swallow is his record for "fairness" as chairman of the highway commission.

Commissioners Set April 16th for Equalization and Review Day, Act On Number of Other County Matters

Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners set Tuesday, April 16th as the day on which the board will be convened as a board of equalization and review, to hear and take action on matters pertaining to the tax listed valuation of all property in the county.

The board also renamed several members who represent Jones County on the Neuse River Development Commission; naming John W. Creagh Jr. to a 3-year term, Mrs. Ione Collier to a 2-year term and Fletcher Barber and Nolan Jones to 1-year terms.

The board also voted to put \$364.17 in the 1968-69 budget as Jones County's part of the operating cost of this commission.

The board also authorized Tax Supervisor Julian Waller to destroy tax abstracts two years or more old, authorized a survey to determine what parts of James Albert Williams' land were in Jones County, named Carl Wheeler the county's industry hunter and authorized advertise-

ments for the sale at public auction of the old Negro Farm Agent's offices in Trenton.

Eight Cases Cleared In Past Week From Recorder's Court

In the past week pleas of guilty before the clerk or trial before Judge Joe Becton cleared eight cases from the docket of Jones County Recorder's Court.

In non-traffic matters the plaintiff withdrew a non-support charge against James Albert Aylor of Trenton route 1 and paid the costs and Cornelius Jordan of Pollocksville was ordered to make good a worthless check and pay the court costs.

Those paying off for traffic violations included Mamie Riggs Bell of Swansboro, Jane Leslie King of Pink Hill route 1, J. A. Martin of Jamesville, A. J. Milas Jr. of Cherry Point, Braxton Hall of New Bern and Courtney Mitchell Jr. of Kinston.

Scott Women-in-Jones Hostesses For Coffee Saturday Morning

From 10:30 until Noon Saturday the Jones County Women for Scott will be hostesses at a coffee hour honoring Mrs. Bob Scott.

The gathering is being held in the club house of the Trenton Woman's Club and the public is invited to come by and visit with Mrs. Scott, who is taking an active part in her husband's effort to be the next governor.

Two Jones Arrests

The only two arrests reported at the sheriff's office for the past week in Jones County were those of Thelma Boling McLawhorn of New Bern route 3 and Harvey Allen Gautier of Kinston route 5, both of whom were charged by the highway patrol with drunken driving.

Jones County Gets Industry Hunter in Agency Program

Carl Wheeler, a native of New Bern, who is a member of the staff of the Jones County Development Association, has been designated official industry seeker for the county.

This official designation was given to Wheeler Monday in the regular meeting of the Jones County Board of Commissioners.

The Development Agency, headed by Rogers Pollock, and the Board of Commissioners urges everyone who has any ideas about the industrial development of the county to contact Wheeler at the agency offices in the court house at Trenton.