

## HIGHWAY COMMISSION FINISHES ONE-HALF BOND PAVING PROGRAM

The State Highway Commission has finished, exactly one-half of Governor Scott's requested 12,000-mile paving goal under the \$200,000,000 bond issue program, Highway Chairman Henry W. Jordan announced today.

The half-way point was passed simultaneously with the end of two years of service by eleven Scott-appointed highway commissioners who went into office on May 1, 1949. They inaugurated the secondary road program immediately after a special referendum the following month.

Reports from ten highway divisions made public today show that 6,036 miles of farm-to-market roads have been hard-surfaced and another 9,826 miles stabilized for all-weather travel during the last two years. The mid-state Sixth Highway Division, under the direction of Dairyman George S. Coble, led all other sections of the state in miles of road paved. The Sixth reported 1,002 miles hard-surfaced through March 31, 1951.

Close behind the leader in total mileage finished were the Seventh Division, centering on Charlotte-Salisbury-Wadesboro, and the Third, encompassing the Fayetteville-Wilmington area.

At least five counties—Hoke, Robeson, Scotland, Montgomery and Richmond—have passed their projected paving goals during the two-year period, the reports revealed. This means these counties and others will exceed the mileage promised them when the program began.

Construction work in some sections of the state has moved faster than in others due to administrative and operational policies, weather conditions and terrain. Eventually, each county will get its pro rata share of the bond money authorized as the program moves to a conclusion during the next two years.

As of April 1, 1951 the Commission has expended \$83,241,000 of the \$200,000,000 in bonds issued and allocated another \$29,862,000 to specific projects. Additional bonds will be sold during the early summer.

### Jackson Named Head Chowan College Union

Colon Jackson of Hertford was re-elected president of the Chowan College Baptist Student Union Executive Committee for the coming school year.

The BSU Council has general oversight of the college religious life. This council brings together the leaders of the different phases of religious life on the campus in order to plan and direct and stimulate the various activities. The aim of the BSU is to interest the students on the campus in striving to live up to the ideals set by Christ.

During the past year in which Colon has been president of the BSU, the organization has made many important achievements. Among the more important accomplishments have been sponsoring Religious Emphasis Week, establishing of community missions fund, opening of a council room, attending BSU conventions, and holding mid-week services.

### WAC-WAF Recruiter In E. City May 16 - 17

Sgt. Paul R. Fisher of the U. S. Army and Air Force Recruiting Station has announced that Sgt. Mary D. Zabal, the WAC and WAF recruiter from Raleigh, will be at the Elizabeth City office, 202 Kramer Building, on Wednesday and Thursday, May 16 and 17.

At that time she will interview and give full information to all women who may be interested in the WAC or WAF program. Any one coming in to see her should bring with them a birth certificate, a certificate that they are a high school graduate or a note stating that they will graduate this year. They must have reached their 18th birthday and if under 21 must have written consent of their parents. Sgt. Fisher may be contacted at the Edenton post Office on any Thursday for further information.

**HONORED AT BRIDGE PARTY**  
Mrs. Roy Reed and Miss Frances Newby were joint hostesses at a bridge party Wednesday evening honoring Miss Ruth Elliott, bride-elect. The house was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and those present, besides the honored guests were, Mesdames Charles Murray, H. C. Stokes, Jr., Edward Griffin, Wilson Dillon, J. L. Harris, Francis Nixon, W. R. Drake, Vivian Mathews, R. S. Monds, Jr., H. C. Sullivan, W. H. Pitt, J. B. Towe, Herbert Nixon, T. P. Bryan, D. F. Reed, Jr., Robert Hollowell, Al Kenyon, Edson Harris, F. B. Stephenson, Guy Newby, Jr., Misses Thelma Elliott and Helene Nixon. The high score prize was awarded Mrs. Monds, for to Mrs. Kenyon and floating prize went to Miss Nixon. Miss Elliott was presented a gift of crystals. A sweet course was served.

**PIANO RECITAL**  
Miss Kate Standard will present her piano recital at a piano recital Saturday evening at 8 P. M., in the Educational Building of the Methodist Church. The public is cordially invited.

## Garden Time

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

Most of our first plantings of garden crops have been made and if you made the same mistake that I did you have had to replant your lima beans and some of your snap beans. The recent cold rainy weather rotted the seed in the ground. Don't blame the seedmen for that.

From now on it will be a battle with weeds, insects, diseases, and dry weather. Everyone knows how to take care of weeds. A sharp hoe, a good garden cultivator—perhaps a garden tractor with all attachments—and a will to work will keep weeds down. Chemical herbicides are still too uncertain to be depended upon.

A straw mulch put down around your tomato plants will keep weeds in check as well as conserve moisture. We recommend mulching tomatoes and also staking them. They should be trained to stakes by tying with soft twine. Pinch out all side shoots and allow only one or two stems to develop. This method will give you better quality tomatoes under our climatic conditions. A lot has been said about spraying tomatoes with har-

mones to get a better set of fruit. Spraying the first two or three clusters of blooms with a hormone such as "Sureset" or "Fruitone" will give larger yields on those clusters. Sometimes the fruits are seedless. However, there has been no advantage gained by spraying more than the first two or three clusters. Use the hormones strictly according to directions on the package.

Insects and disease must be controlled in order to have high quality vegetables. Write to the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh for bulletins giving specific controls for insect pests, or ask your county agent for information.

To control pests, you must know what insect or disease you are trying to combat; you must know what materials to use as a spray to control that particular pest and how and where to apply it; you must apply the spray at the proper time; and you must do a thorough job of spraying.

### TO CONDUCT RECITAL

Mrs. R. R. White will conduct a piano recital at the Perquimans Central Grammar School on Thursday night, May 17, beginning at eight o'clock, it was announced today by James Snipes, principal of the school. Mr. Snipes also announced that class night will be presented at the school on Thursday, May 24, at eight o'clock. The public is invited to attend these programs.

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