

Road Commissioner Gives Report On Work In District

J. Emmett Winslow, Commissioner of the First State Highway Division, today reported that 324.2 miles of roads in his division had been improved during 1953.

Division headquarters for the First are in Ahoakie. Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington counties are in the First.

Division-wide, Winslow said that 25.4 miles of State highways had been widened and resurfaced with sand asphalt and bituminous concrete in 1953. The safety and riding qualities of these highways were greatly improved. In addition, 4.1 miles of State highways were widened from 18 to 22 feet. These roads will be resurfaced in the near future.

1953 marked the completion of widening the roadway of the Chowan River Bridge to 26 feet. This structure is 7,921.5 feet in length. In addition to the work on the Chowan River Bridge, five other concrete bridges, involving a total length of 338.5 feet, were widened to clear roadway widths of 26 feet.

The leveling course was laid on 36.4 miles of State highways on which the widening had been finished earlier. The wearing surface will be laid on these highways within the next year or so.

A total of 137.7 miles of pavement was laid on various county roads in

the fourteen counties of the First.

In addition, the sand asphalt surface course was laid on 23.1 miles of county roads. The base course had been previously constructed.

A total of 9.6 miles of county roads were resurfaced with sand asphalt pavement. Another 6.8 miles of nine-foot wide paved county roads were widened and resurfaced with sand asphalt pavement.

Division-wide, 79.8 miles of county roads were widened and stabilized with local materials or commercial stone.

The man responsible for guiding this vast amount of road work to completion is W. N. Sprull, division engineer of the First. J. D. Miller is assistant division engineer in charge of construction. George K. Mack is district engineer at Elizabeth City. T. C. Liverman is district engineer at Ahoakie. J. J. Gilbert is district engineer at Plymouth.

Dorothy Elliott Named Book Store Manager

Miss Dorothy Elliott, a former resident of Hertford, has been named manager of the Baptist Book Store at Savannah, Ga., according to an announcement received here last week.

Miss Elliott graduated from local schools and Wake Forest College, where she received a degree in Religious Education. After graduating from Wake Forest she went to Kingston's First Baptist Church as Educational Director. Later she served the Baptist Book Store in Charlotte and from there she served the First Baptist Church in Mooresville as Director of Education. She left Mooresville to accept the position in Savannah.

April 1 Deadline On Cotton Releases

April 1, 1954, has been established by the State ASC Committee as the final date the County ASC Office may accept releases of cotton acreage allotments which will not be planted in 1954, announced Helene Nixon, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager.

It is to the advantage of cotton growers that will not use their 1954 cotton acreage allotment to release the allotment to the County ASC Committee so that it may be re-allotted to cotton farms in the county that need more acreage in 1954 advised Miss Nixon. If cotton was planted on a farm in 1952 or 1953, the acreage released will be credited to the farm releasing the acreage in determining the farm cotton allotment in 1955.

To keep cotton in North Carolina farmers in Perquimans County should either grow or share their cotton in 1954.

LIBRARY NEWS

Six new books came into the Perquimans County Library this week. They are: "The American Revolution." This book, complete in itself, is the first of a number to appear under the general title The New American Nation Series. Also two new novels, "The Untidy Pilgrim," which is the winner of the annual Lippincott Fiction Award; two copies of the new Elizabeth Seifert novel, "Doctor At the Crossroads," and two books for children, "The Magic Ball from Mars" and "The Four Riders."

The library report for the month of February show the following figures: Circulation from main library, 1,626; bookmobile, 782; Joseph Judgins Colored Library, 253; total circulation 2,661. New books added 31; new borrowers registered 18; books borrowed on inter-library loan 5.

W. M. U. MEETS

The regular meeting of the W.M.U. of Woodville Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Tom Swayne on Wednesday evening, February 19th. Joint hostesses were Mrs. Swayne and Mrs. B. F. Bray with Mrs. Bray presiding.

The program was presented by Mrs. Eugene Fulghum, the theme being "Strangers Everywhere," concerning migratory workers. It was agreed that the work for the month would be the bringing of gifts of clothing from the adults and a collection of toys and articles for health kits from the young people of the Sunday School. Packages were to be sent from the church to the Rev. and Mrs. Sam Mayo, Apopka, Florida, Missionaries to the Migrants.

At the end of the meeting delicious salad course was served by the hostesses.

To cultivate kindness is a valuable part of the business of life.

—Samuel Johnson

BRIDGE CLUB MEETS
Mrs. H. A. Whitley entertained her bridge club Thursday night at her

home on Church Street. Those playing were Mesdames Alice Baum, Trim Wilson, S. P. Jessup, Clyde McCallum, W. H. Hardcastle, Walter Oakey,

Miss Mae Wood Winslow and Miss Kate Blanchard. The high score prize went to Miss Winslow. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

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