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## Increased Travel In North Carolina Shown by Gasoline Gallons

### 23 1/2 Million Gallons More Gas Used in 1939 Than During Year 1938.

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—Increased travel in North Carolina during 1939 is shown by the large increase in gasoline used, the total amounting to 419,188,971 gallons, it was pointed out today by officials of the state advertising division of the Department of Conservation and Development. This is an increase of 23,563,289 gallons over the amount used in 1938 and an increase of more than 37,000,000 gallons over the amount used in 1937. According to figures obtained from the gasoline tax division of the Department of Revenue motorists paid \$83,337,794 for this gasoline at an average of 20 cents a gallon.

On the basis of figures worked out by the American Automobile Association, 65 per cent of this gasoline was used by passenger cars and 35 per cent by trucks. The AAA also has worked out figures showing that passenger cars now average 14 miles to the gallon and trucks 10 miles to the gallon.

This means that passenger cars in North Carolina last year used 272,472,831 gallons of gasoline and trucks 146,716,140 gallons.

In terms of miles, passenger cars traveled almost four billion miles in the state last year, or 3,814,619,631 miles, while trucks traveled almost a billion and a half miles, or 1,467,161,400 miles.

One passenger car would have to travel around the world 152,584 times in order to equal the number of miles traveled by passenger cars in North Carolina during 1939, without considering the 1,467,161,400 miles traveled by trucks.

It is estimated that at least 3,000,000 people in 1,000,000 passenger cars from other states visited North Carolina during 1939.

## Tucker Urges Road Fund Diversion Now Be Stopped in N. C.

### He Says That General Taxes Will Take Care of General Fund For State.

New Bern, Jan. 23.—All economic necessity for providing that state highway funds may be used to balance the State's general fund budget has passed, and this opening wedge for diversion of highway funds should be removed from the law, Harry Tucker, professor of the Highway Engineering Department of N. C. State College, told a gathering of oil men from ten eastern counties here today.

Tucker told his audience that several years ago some persons charged with the duty of administering the affairs of our state government were fearful that new and untried taxes might not produce sufficient revenue to meet current appropriations. Yet, they did not go far enough to make an outright diversion of highway funds to a general fund. As a compromise, a general fund was written into the law providing that in the event of a deficit in the general fund, transfers of money from the highway fund could be made.

"Without discussion the wisdom of this decision here, it has been demonstrated by experience that general fund taxes can be levied in amounts sufficient to meet general fund expenditures, and this provision for contingent diversion of highway funds should be eliminated."

Tucker said the provision for contingent diversion of highway funds results in approximately \$2,500,000 of highway funds lying idle and unused at all times. He said that this money cannot be used for highways until after it is shown that there will be no deficit in the general fund, and by that time it is necessary to set aside another reserve of \$2,500,000 to provide against a possible deficit in the general fund for the next year.

"The present condition of our highways—the need of modernization of our main arteries of traffic and the need of improvement of our county roads—the hundreds of dangerously narrow roads and bridges through the state, tell more eloquently than words the need for spending every dollar of our gasoline and license tax money on our roads," Tucker declared.

He said the threat of diversion should be eliminated by an amendment to the state constitution to require that all special highway taxes be spent for road purposes only.

## PROFITABLE

From his one-acre tobacco project, Claude Bass of the Kelly 4-H Club in Johnston county, harvested 1,794 pounds of tobacco, which netted him \$299.81 after expenses of \$51.51 were deducted.

## TO PLAY FOR PRESIDENT'S BALL



## President's Birthday Ball Will Be Held On January 30th At Hotel

### Paul Moore and His State College Collegians Will Play For the Dance.

### FRANK JONES HEADS DRIVE IN THIS COUNTY

#### Chairman Jones Hopes to Raise More Than the \$400 Raised Last Year.

Paul Moore and his State College Collegians, above, will play for the President's Birthday Ball at the Hotel Goldsboro Tuesday evening, January 30th.

The dance featuring the popular music organization, will bring to a close the three-week drive in the Fight Infantile Paralysis Campaign in Wayne county with T. Frank Jones as chairman.

The March of Dimes and coin collection phases of the drive have been carried on in all communities of Wayne county for the last two weeks. School children have aided with the March of Dimes. Leon Queen of Grantham is chairman of the phase of the campaign in the rural schools; Ray Armstrong in the city schools.

The Goldsboro Woman's Club is in charge of placing tickets for the dance. Walter Stansbury is chairman of the dance. A carnival of fun will be run off at the same time the dance is in progress. The Fun Carnival will be held in the small dining room; the dance in the main dining room. A program of games and entertainment will be carried out. Admission to the dance admits also to the Fun program. Frank Remsburg heads this feature of the entertainment.

Half of the funds raised will be retained locally for the Paralysis Fund; half will be sent to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Last year near \$400 was raised in the campaign in Wayne. Chairman Jones says that he hopes to better this record this year and he believes that it can be done with the cooperation of the various committees. "They are all doing fine work," he said.

## Annual Meeting Scout Council Will Be Held

### Dr. H. W. Hurt, National Representative of Boy Scouts, Will Be Speaker.

### PROGRESS FOR YEAR IS TO BE OUTLINED

### Judge Henry Stevens of Warsaw Will Present the Speaker at the Dinner.

Dr. H. W. Hurt, National Representative of the Boy Scouts of America, New York City will be the principal speaker at the Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Tuscarora Council to be held in the Hotel Goldsboro on Friday evening at 7 o'clock. The Honorable Henry L. Stevens, of Warsaw, resident judge of the 8th Judicial District will present Dr. Hurt.

Following Dr. Hurt's address, William P. Kemp, president of the Council, C. Harold Westin, Scout Executive, W. A. Dees, finance chairman, and Clarence W. Peacock, nominating chairman will give their annual reports.

One of the most important events of the dinner will be the presentation of the Silver Beaver and Court of Honor Awards by Mr. Leslie Well.

Other features will be two skits presented by the Scouts of Troops No. 1 and No. 13.

Rev. Bascom Rollins will pray the Invocation and Dr. Leigh R. Scott, the dismissal.

A small fee of 75c per person is to be charged for the dinner. The public is cordially invited.

## Church Loyalty Campaign Begins On February 4th

### 12 Churches in City Are Cooperating in This Campaign For Loyal Work.

A Church Loyalty Campaign, sponsored by 12 churches in Goldsboro, will begin the first of February and run through March, according to plans announced here.

This campaign, being participated in by most of the leading churches of the city, is to begin officially the first Sunday in February, and a highlight of the campaign will be simultaneous evangelistic services to be held in the participating churches the week prior to Easter.

One of the first things to be done is to try and enlist the members of the various churches by getting them to agree to attend the services of the churches and take part in the Loyalty Campaign. A large supply of cards has been printed and members will be asked to sign these cards, checking on them the services they agree to attend during the campaign.

The pastors of the various churches in Goldsboro have held meetings mapping plans for this cooperative effort to enlist more people in the work of the churches.

## Jim Berry Smith Shoots Himself

Jim Berry Smith, young white man of New Hope township, is in the Goldsboro Hospital suffering from head wounds which officers reported were self-inflicted.

Sheriff Paul C. Garrison reported the shooting took place in John Adams' store at Adamsville, and the officer stated that Smith admitted he shot himself but gave no reason for the shooting. The bullet, from a .38 pistol, entered the cheek and passed near the eye.

The complete program is as follows: Invocation, Rev. Bascom Rollins; Dinner, Skit, Troop No. 13, Goldsboro, Ray Liles, Scoutmaster; Introduction of District Officers and distinguished guests, James W. Butler; President's Report, William P. Kemp; Report of Scout Executive C. Harold Westin; Report of Budget Committee, W. A. Dees; Report of Nominating Committee, Clarence W. Peacock; Council Awards, Leslie Well; Silver Beaver, Court of Honor Awards, Skit, Troop No. 1, Goldsboro, Paul L. Borden, Jr., Scoutmaster.

Presentation of Speaker, Hon. Henry L. Stevens, Jr. Address—Dr. H. W. Hurt, Nat'l Representative, B. S. A. Dismissal—Dr. Leigh R. Scott.

Other reports were heard from: President, William P. Kemp; Council Commissioner, Paul L. Borden, Sr.; Treasurer, Herman Well; Organization and Extension Chairman, W. E. Pennington; Training and Leadership Chairman, Ray Armstrong; Camping and Activities Chairman, Harry Kraft; Health and Safety Chairman, W. G. Wilson; Advancement Chairman, O. A. Betts.

## RECORDS

Henderson county growers are showing a steadily increasing interest in farm records, with the keeping account books mounting each year since 1936.

## Influenza Keeps Schools Closed

Goldsboro white public schools, closed since Wednesday of last week on account of the prevalence of influenza, will remain closed until next week, according to announcement by Superintendent Ray Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong's decision to keep the schools closed with Health Officer Dr. S. B. McPheters and other physicians of the city.

While white schools have been closed for more than a week, the colored schools have kept open, sickness not being reported among the colored as among the whites. Schools in Warsaw were closed yesterday on account of the prevalence of influenza in that town.

## George Brogden, 45, Found Dead in Big Ditch on Wednesday

### Body Had Apparently Been in Ditch Several Hours; Man Probably Drowned.

George Brogden, 45 year old white man, was found dead in the Big Ditch just south of Goldsboro about 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Sheriff Paul C. Garrison who with Deputy Jesse Garley investigated the case said the body was found about 15 rods west of Highway 117, where the Big Ditch runs under the road. A boy playing about the place discovered the body and notified the sheriff's office. The officers said the body had apparently been in the water for many hours; and it was reported at Brogden's home about a mile south of where the body was found, that Brogden left his home about 6:30 Tuesday night and had not been seen since.

Officers reported they found no indication of foul play, but that further investigation would be made before it was determined if an inquest was necessary.

Brogden was employed as a mechanic by the T. A. Loving Company, contractors.

## 118 Attend Meeting of Medical Society Last Thursday P. M.

### This Was the 13th Annual Meeting of the Medical Society Ladies' Night.

A total of 118 were present including doctors, dentists, druggists, their wives, and a number of out of town guests when the Wayne Medical Society held their thirteenth annual Ladies' Night at the Hotel Goldsboro on last Thursday evening.

Dr. D. J. Rose acted as toastmaster, and Dr. C. E. Howard, president of the society, welcomed the guests. Dr. A. C. Woodard, chairman of the committee on arrangements, presided over the program, which was dedicated entirely to fun.

Silas Lucas, Wilson attorney, delivered a humorous talk. Miss Leslie Pratt Mallard, and Mrs. J. R. Knight of Mt. Olive gave readings. L. E. Warrick gave humorous remarks applied to society members. There were a number of enjoyable stunts and skits and group singing. The ladies received favors.

Among out of town guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Silas Lucas of Wilson; Dr. and Mrs. P. P. McCain of Sanatorium; Mr. Zimmerman from Edwards Military Institute; and Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Woodard of Selma.

## Concert Singer Is Here Monday



Ernest McChesney, noted tenor will sing here in the Goldsboro High School auditorium next Monday night, under the auspices of the Goldsboro Concert Association. This is the second of the series of concerts to be given here this season.

## Grand Jury Raps County Jail, Slot Machines And Numbers

### A. T. Hawkins Is Leader In Civic Life Of Section

#### Native of South Carolina, Has Been Resident of This State For Many Years.

#### HEADS BROADCASTING COMPANY IN GOLDSBORO

#### Mr. Hawkins is Now With the Company He Has Been With for 15 Years.

A. T. "Bert" Hawkins, a native of South Carolina, but a North Carolinian by choice, in recent years has become one of the leading citizens of Goldsboro and Wayne county, interested in every phase of community development.

Mr. Hawkins first came to Goldsboro in 1928, as a salaried employee of the Texas Company, left and then returned in 1934 as distributor for Texas Company products and has been here since that time. He has been with this company continuously for the past 15 years.

Born in Anderson, S. C., in 1900, the son of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Hawkins, "Bert" is known by his friends' attended school in Anderson, at the Bailey Military Institute, Greenwood, S. C., and at Wake Forest College, where he graduated in the class of 1923.

Upon leaving Wake Forest Mr. Hawkins returned to his home city and became co-founder of THE ANDERSON INDEPENDENT, a newspaper of that city. He sold his interest in the paper in 1925 and went with the Texas Company, and has made steady progress with the company since that date. With this company he has been located in Raleigh, Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, and Goldsboro, again.

Indication of Mr. Hawkins' interest in civic affairs is shown by the fact that he is past-chairman of the board of the Salvation Army; past-president of the Chamber of Commerce; President of the Eastern Carolina Broadcasting Company, which he helped to organize; and president of the Cooperative Concert Association. He is a member of the Elks and Masonic lodges; a Rotarian, and a member of the Baptist church. His hobby is golf.

Mr. Hawkins married Miss Margaret Gill of Wake Forest and they have an attractive daughter, Peggy.

### CULLING

Since culling his flock of layers to 30 W. L. Stewart of Bakersville, Mitchell county, has been gathering an average of two dozen eggs daily production reaching 29 eggs one day.

## The 20th Week Of War

(By W. F. Nufer)

General Winter took almost complete charge of the western front this past week, and there was scarcely anything of consequence happening in France.

In the war at sea, Britain had a bad week, losing three submarines near Heligoland, the last of the week and two large destroyers a little later. The destroyer Exmouth went down with all hands which is something very unusual and also accounted for England's largest loss of life since the Deutschland sank the Rawalpindi in October. There were also several merchantman ships sunk and the Italian ship Orozo mysteriously caught fire in the Mediterranean, going down with small loss of life. Germany charged the French contraband control with having planted bombs in this ship. France of course indignantly denied this allegation.

One of the most interesting features of Britain's war this week was the speech of Winston Churchill in the House of Commons, highlighted by his appeal to the neutrals to join the allies before they are swallowed up one by one. Events have shown that he is very logical in this contention, but it is doubted that many neutrals will come in unless and until they are attacked.

On the Finnish front where cold has been the worst and of longest duration for 50 years, the Finns have pursued a retreating Russian force from Kemijarvi, a rail head in west central Finland. The Russians have done a remarkable job, penetrating two-thirds the distance across Finland at this point, and were well entrenched, but lack of supplies aided by Finnish attacks on their lines of communications caused their retrograde toward the Russian border.

It seems that this retreat is not to be a total defeat like the last one, but undoubtedly the Finns have punished the Russians severely.

### Civic Leader



A. T. Hawkins

### Mayor of Faison Has An Operation

Bryant Martin, mayor of Faison, who suffered a fracture of the skull when he was struck by an automobile in Faison last Friday night, a week ago, and who entered the Goldsboro Hospital Tuesday, underwent operations to remove pressure on the brain, it was reported from the hospital.

X-ray pictures taken at the hospital showed a fracture of the skull over the left temple. He is expected to be able to leave the hospital in a few days, but will have to remain in bed at his home for several weeks.

The accident occurred when the mayor was walking on the edge of the pavement shortly after dark. The driver of the car did not stop.

### ONE-QUARTER

One-quarter of all this country's farms now have high-line electric service, more than twice the number of farms that had such facilities in 1935 when the REA was established.

### Report Urges That Steps Be Taken to Relieve Situation In Crowded Jail.

### OFFICES OF COUNTY FOUND GOOD SHAPE

### Grand Jury Asks That Something Be Done to Stop Gambling Devices Reported.

Wayne county's "inadequate and out of date" jail building and "complaint of fillegal slot machines and numbers rackets being operated" in the county, received especial emphasis in the report of the Grand Jury made to Judge J. J. Burney Wednesday afternoon in Wayne Superior Court.

The report of the Grand Jury, headed by M. A. Shaver, chairman, urged that something be done about the conditions existing.

"We found the jail building very inadequate and out of date. When crowded not enough cots are available and the inmates have to sleep double on single cots. Only one toilet is available in each unit of cells, which automatically makes a health hazard. We recommend that the Board of County Commissioners provide a new jail building of immediately provide extra toilets so as to protect the well inmates from their generally and otherwise diseased associates."

In regard to the alleged gambling operations in the county, the report said: "We deplore the numerous complaints of illegal slot machines and numbers rackets being operated in Wayne county and call upon our citizenship to help eradicate these evils by reporting and prosecuting any violators. We asked the Sheriff for his co-operation and he assured us he would do all in his power to see that no machines would be illegally operated."

Visits to the various offices and institutions in the county brought the report that all of these were found in an excellent condition. Testing of school trucks by an experienced and able mechanic of Goldsboro resulted in the report that the buses are in fine shape except for a few minor adjustments and brought the oral statement from the foreman to the effect that A. B. Stansbury, in charge of transportation, should be highly commended for the fine shape the buses are in. All drivers are properly licensed.

The bad conditions in the Wayne jail had been mentioned by almost every grand jury in recent years.

Those serving on the grand jury: Those drawn in August, Robert E. Williams, J. F. Thornton, N. B. Smith, J. F. Green, D. Z. Holloman, Dan Lancaster, Sam Casey, Lynnwood Sauls, William Van Roekel; and those drawn this term for six month's service, M. A. Shaver, foreman; J. B. Mozingo, T. J. Tolson, W. I. Millard, Leon Westbrook, Harvey Summerlin, Daniel Potter and C. E. Hinnant.

## 12 Local Players Enter Bridge Meet Pinehurst Friday

Twelve contestants from Goldsboro will leave to enter the Mid-Winter Southern Bridge Tournament which will be held at Pinehurst on Friday night, Saturday afternoon, and Saturday night. The contestants are: Mr. and Mrs. Herman Weil, Mrs. Dick Griswold, Mrs. Kenneth C. Royall, Mrs. Cedric Edgerston, Mrs. G. Banks McNairy, Mrs. Hugh Dorch, Mr. Clarence Ragen, Mr. Wiley Smith, and Mrs. Earl Thompson. Mrs. Hattie Copeland Hill of Kinston will also accompany the players from Goldsboro. Three hundred people have registered for the tournament.

## Red Cross Groups Hold Three Meets

Miss Alice Dugan, of the American National Red Cross held a one-day conference with the instructors of Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick of Wayne County. Nine instructors were present at the conference.

Miss Martha Vance Elisor of the American Junior Red Cross will be Goldsboro all day Saturday and will meet with the colored teachers at 10:30 at the Colored Community Center on Saturday morning.

Mrs. Owen Dail will meet the white teacher sponsors of the schools enrolled in the Junior Red Cross and the Junior Red Cross committee on Saturday afternoon at 3:30. Tea will be served to the members present.

All meetings of the Girl Scouts will be postponed until the city schools are reopened.