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A Good Road Job

Several highways leading into the city have been badly worn and damaged in recent months. They are in fair condition now.

The state highway department has done a commendable job the past few weeks re-surfacing the highways leading from here to Laurens and to Greenville. The work has been carried on expeditiously, as the motoring public has observed, and with as little inconvenience as possible to the traveling public. They are doing a fine job and are needed to be done.

Building Picks Up

The building program is under way in Clinton, generally speaking. At the present time contracts have been let for buildings which will be under construction and are scheduled for three schools in the district is going into the hands of the low bidder.

A number of attractive new dwellings built at the Clinton Cotton Mills. A handsome home is being built on Musgrove Street in the city. All of these are being built, though the greater part of the cost is to be paid by the occupants, adequate more than a million dollars. While business building has stepped up, there has been a lull in residential building.

Laurens, Greenville, and elsewhere new construction in residential fields continues to go forward of the saw and hammer.

William Plumer Jacobs

The untimely death of Dr. William Plumer Jacobs, bearing the name of a distinguished grand father, removes from the world known business circles and others with a distinguished record of life, and one who accommodated himself to think that he could do that he would have said to do.

Dr. Jacobs grew up in the advertising and printing business with his father, who had varied business interests, including the publication of the Clinton Chronicle, popular sports publication, He was always interested in Sunday School work and in Presbyterian colleges and they certainly served as recipient for his years.

For a number of years Dr. Jacobs was executive secretary of the South Carolina Manufacturers Association. In recognition of his ability and his varied business interests he served on the American Cotton Manufacturers association three years ago and has been a guiding force and a shaping politics of this large industry. He was recognized as one of the men who was closely associated with one of important industries of the country, and was held in high regard by that organization for his aggressive leadership. Textiles, which is commencing to pick up, and this death is a great loss to the industry.

Dr. Jacobs loved Clinton and was actively interested in the growth, and progress of the town as a public minded citizen. He leaves behind many friends and associates who feel a personal loss in his death.

Safety On The Farm

This week has been designated by Farmers Mutual to National Farm Safety Week in which a challenge is made to cut the number of farm accidents, personal injury and property damage. Farm accidents with the resulting loss can be reduced a hundred lives on farms have been reduced and dollars saved, if it is possible.

A wonder fire is generally an accident that can be prevented if proper care is taken when the burning is to be done, according to forestry officials. Farm owners are urged to be careful with smoking and matches around the farm. Smokers, brush burning and railroads are listed as the three main causes of forest fires in this county.

A Ruinous Idea

More than sixty million people are employed in this country today, which is an all-time high. So long as this great army of wage earners have jobs at present high scales we will have no disastrous depression again to visit our economy as after the first world war. Conditions cannot go on indefinitely as now, everyone must realize, but when the check-back will come no one knows. It is bound to happen sooner or later, but your guess is as good as the other fellow's.

Labor and capital must work together, intelligently and fairly. The idea that their interests are inimical is both wrong and ruinous. Labor wants high wages and to get them business must earn good profits. Labor wants a high standard of living to which it is entitled. But it has that it must produce honestly and efficiently so that reasonably priced goods will become abundant. Labor must protect its project for the rest of the people do not. Rabid labor leaders cannot continue to track the future strength of the American labor movement upon the unwillingness of such sound principles as these to which John L. Lewis and his kind refuse to recognize.

High-handed methods—arrogant and defiant strikes—put a heavy tax upon the public can, and will, stand only a certain amount of labor. Rather than gain, it may lose in the end.

The Consumer Pays It

Strikes in the automobile industry has settled down to a month or more of peace on the labor front. Recent wage boosts to thousands of workers in the industry have eliminated the last major strike threat in this industry, for the present. It is expected that the smaller top bosses however, are already preparing to demand a further wage increases next year is inevitable.

As wages go up, the cost of production also goes up. One follows the other right follows day, but President Truman and the New Deal policy-makers ignore this inevitable law. It has become apparent. Recent boosts has put upon the automobile industry the problem of determining what effect the $124,000,000 annual wage increase granted to the CIO United Auto Workers will have on car prices.

Well here is the answer. General Motors on Monday declared they could no longer "hold the line" and announced a rise of 6 per cent for all its passenger cars effective immediately. It was inevitable that such action would follow. Other manufacturers have announced about the same increases in car prices. The new Ford price rise was 3.7 per cent, Kaiser-Frazer was 4.7 per cent, and Chrysler about 5 per cent. Similar price hikes may be expected from other manufacturers.

It all goes back to the consumer, regardless of the commodity. He is the one who must hold the bag in the face of mounting prices. When the cost of production goes up due to the cost of labor, materials and transportation, commodity prices rise and the buyer, regardless of what the commodity may be—must absorb the increase. Together consumers are faced to high prices is heavy taxes, unprecedented public debt and inflation. So long as this continues the consumer is the "goat" in the end.

Guard Against Polio

The past week and for the next three, the call is for helping hand with DDT against flies, mosquitos and other insects, which are a public menace, especially in hot weather. Tim. Cunningham, Methodist Bishop for this effort in behalf of cleanliness and health of citizens to give their full cooperation. The spraying will be done early on Saturday night and all citizens are requested to keep their doors and windows open in order that the vapors may penetrate their homes.

Garbage cans with lid containers should be provided at all homes to eliminate fly breeding possible places of flies and other insects, and is a possible preventative against polio, malaria and other communicable diseases. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis states that spraying is no benefit in preventing spread of polio. It will certainly do no harm. Fly control is recommended and known to be effective for cleanliness sake. The fact that it may not do good is no excuse or the mode of transmission of poliomyelitis.

No case of polio has been reported in this city, though there are four reported thus far in the county. This shows that the city authorities and all citizens should be careful and take every precautionary measure, especially for children. The disease spreads with hot weather. It is quite possible that polio may be transmitted by flies, mosquitos or other insects. Although this fact was understatid, has never been definitely proven. We do know that these pests carry other diseases and so long as there is suspicion it behooves us to be on guard and take every precaution against an epidemic spread which might occur here as it has in many other places, especially in South Carolina. Taxpayers must cooperant by the city for precaution and safety is good health insurance.

Through the courtesy of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The Chronicle publishes this check-list of polio precautions. Clip it and learn it.

(1) Avoid over-tiring and extreme fatigue from strenuous exercise.

(2) Avoid crowds. Polio usually comes from a plunge into extremely cold water on a hot day.

(3) Keep flies away from food.

(4) Pay careful attention to personal cleanliness such as thorough hand washing before eating.

(5) Don't swim in polluted water.

(6) Don't delay calling a physician, if during an epidemic, you feel ill.

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