

### Prairie to Delta Highway

Memphis, Tenn.,  
March 8, 1919.  
Editor, The Messenger,  
Okolona, Miss.,

Dear Sir:  
When cotton was king and ruled supreme, and we served him 12 months a year it was not necessary for us to go to market often, but as the world progresses and farmers begin to FARM we find it necessary to go to market more frequently, and we also find that one market alone does not serve our purpose. The farmer who raises corn and wheat and oats and hay and hogs and cattle and other produce as well as cotton finds that he is compelled to market his produce at all seasons of the year and if he is detained or delayed in reaching the market at the proper time on account of poor, and frequently impassable, roads he suffers a direct loss both in actual cash and in loss of time, to say nothing of the slow enhancement of land values. Except churches and schools, there is no institution which pays such large dividends to a community as good roads.

On account of its geographical position, Northern Chickasaw County is within the grasp of another splendid highway, which, though it may not be of as great State or National importance, as some of the others, is of considerably more than mere local importance to the part of Chickasaw County through which it passes. The road I speak of is the proposed highway from the Delta to the Prairie.

It has been proposed to build a road from Grenada, which is the gateway of the Delta at its widest point, up through the Soona valley to Okolona, which is the gateway to the Prairie at its widest point. It has been shown that this road can be built connecting the two great agricultural divisions of Missis-

sippi at a small cost, and there will not be a hill of objectionable consequence on the entire route. At the Grenada end it would enter a crowfoot of hard roads leading to all points of the Delta, while at Okolona it would connect with a similar web of hard roads leading north, south and east. As a prong of the Jefferson Davis Highway now follows the I. C. north of Grenada the new road would not have to be built entirely through, but would intersect the Jeff Davis Highway at Bryant, 3 miles south of Coffeeville, and 10 miles north of Grenada. The entire part to be built, therefore, would probably not be in excess of 50 miles and could be built and paved throughout for about \$450,000.00. As it would pass through the greater part of three counties it is probable that if properly managed Federal aid to the extent of about \$200,000.00 could be secured, that leaving only about \$250,000.00 to be raised by Chickasaw, Calhoun and Yalobusha counties. Calhoun is willing and ready to enter the project. One township out of the two through which it will pass in Yalobusha is anxious for it, and the other one will not fight it. Where does Chickasaw stand? Is Chickasaw going to sleep on the job and let such an opportunity pass? There are no richer lands than the Soona Bottom lands which this road will develop. This development will distribute its benefits throughout all the northern part of your county, and the cost will be insignificant. Do you want them? If so, it is up to you to act and act quickly. Why quickly? Here's why, Calhoun county is being aroused to the importance of good roads, and is willing now to chip in with her part on this particular road, but if she can not get an outlet at both ends, it is more than probable that before the summer is past a general bond issue will be voted for

county road construction, and when these roads are built they will radiate to Pittsboro and Calhoun City, and there will be no urgent necessity for the through highway.

Don't think this mere talk. I have been working in Soona Bottom for three months, and I know. I am giving you the tip straight.

From my position, I can see road building problems as they are, and if Chickasaw county does not act she is surely sleeping on her rights, and ignoring the heritage of the coming generation.

My suggestion would be to organize a special joint county district say 4 or 6 miles wide. Hold a few mass meetings, have your petitions properly drawn and ready; then act. There is no time to waste.

Wishing the best success for you in this matter, and assuring you that my advice is without personal concern in any manner whatever, I am,

Yours very truly,  
J. Paul Gaines.

### To Make Thrift a Happy Habit

To make war-taught thrift and the practice of saving through lending to the government a permanent and happy habit of the American people, the United States Treasury will conduct during 1919 an intensive movement to promote wise spending, intelligent saving and safe investment, with the aim of meeting war obligations and promoting individual, community and national prosperity.

Thrift will be taught in the schools. War Saving Societies will be organized in all industries and through the co-operation of the banks and postoffice, the advantage of thrift and systematic saving will be brought before the people in many different ways.

The immediate and concrete objective of the campaign is to encourage the public to continue buying War Savings Stamps and Liberty Bonds and thus supply funds for meeting Government obligations arising from the war. The ultimate objective is so to popularize thrift that one of the most valuable lessons taught by the war will become a happy everyday national habit. To accomplish these several objects, there will be added to the war appeals, motives of post-armistice and everyday peaceful patriotism, and especially practical motives of self-interest in saving.

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### Lanier Club

The Lanier Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. W. E. Bearden on the afternoon of February 6th. Mrs. L. P. Haley, president, presided. Mrs. J. J. Ligon acted as secretary.

Victor Hugo, the subject of the afternoon's study, afforded splendid material for discussion. Roll call was responded to by quotations from Hugo. Hugo, the man, was given by Mrs. R. W. Chandler; Hugo, the novelist, Mrs. D. F. Morgan; Hugo, the poet, Mrs. W. E. Bearden; Hugo, the dramatist and essayist, Mrs. B. F. Rosenstiel.

An especially attractive feature of the program was a review of Les Miserables by Mrs. J. A. Donaldson, which showed wonderful understanding of her subject.

An interesting resume of French history of the 17th century was given by Mrs. Homer Davis and a character sketch of Cardinal Richelieu was portrayed by Mrs. H. C. Adams.

Mrs. D. F. Morgan was elected delegate to the district meeting of the federation.

In addition to club members several guests enjoyed Mrs. Bearden's cordial hospitality.

A delicious salad course with hot chocolate was served by the hostess, who was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Jennie Buchanan, and Mrs. W. F. Buchanan.

### Methodist Woman's Missionary Society Notes

The regular monthly business and social meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held, March 3rd, with Mrs. William Buchanan, and a delight it was to meet in this beautiful home and be entertained by such a lovely hostess.

There were twenty-five members present. We are glad to welcome Mesdames Browder, Hagan, Combs and Keller as new members.

The President conducted the business session. Dues and pledges collected \$19.00, money calendar plan collected \$50.00. The meeting was then turned over to our Social Service Superintendent. The subject was "Making Democracy Safe Politically." This was freely discussed by the members. Then followed a very interesting drill: "Who Are Our County and City Officials, and Are They Doing Their Whole Duty?" A most interesting and profitable meeting this was.

Our hostess served dainty refreshments, enjoyed by all.

We are indebted to our friends who were so kind to carry us out in their cars.

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## Public Sale Stock and Farm Implements March 25, 1919

On Tuesday, March 25, 1919, at my place 1 1/2 miles north-east of Van Vleet and 8 miles west of Okolona on Route 1 from Houlika, Miss., I will sell stock and farm implements as follows: Three Mules; 14 head of Cattle, consisting of 5 cows and calves, 7 springers, 1 grade short horn bull 10 months old and 1 registered short horn bull 4 years old; also 1 brood sow; about 100 bushels of Corn and 8 tons of Hay; Mowing Machine, Rake, Stalk Cutter, Disc Harrow, 1 good wagon, 1 good double Buggy with extra set of rubber tired wheels, 2 good road Scrapers, turning plows, harness, and other farm implements too numerous to mention.

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## ROSS COLLINS, Candidate for Governor will speak in Chickasaw County as follows:

Houlika, Thursday, March 20th, at 10:00 A. M.  
Van Vleet, Thursday, March 20th, at 2:00 P. M.  
Woodland, Thursday, March 20th, at 7:30 P. M.

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