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Investigation By Government Shows Such Expenditures Are Justified.

Investigations conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture prove conclusively that good roads increase school attendance, improve social conditions and enlarge business transactions, while the selling price of tillable farm land increases more than the total cost of the improvements. Discussing these subjects, the Weekly News Letter, published by the Department of Agriculture, had the following:

"A 15 per cent increase in the proportion of the available children attending schools took place following the construction of good roads in eight counties studied by the Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering of the Department. The improvement in roads was followed also in several of the counties, the report shows, by consolidation of a number of the little one-room schools into graded schools, which give the pupils better educational advantages; by a development of various industries, and by social improvements due to easier intercourse. These improvements are related closely to increases in land values and decreases in hauling costs, effects also traced to the construction of improved roads. The studies were made in Spottsylvania, Dinwiddie, Lee and Wise Counties, Virginia; Franklin County, New York; Dallas County, Alabama; Lauderdale County, Mississippi, and Manatee County, Florida.

"To determine as far as possible the exact dollars and cents effect on a county of the improvement of bad roads, specialists of the office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering of the Department made economic surveys in eight counties in each of the years from 1910 to 1915, inclusive.

"This study of the increase in the values of farm lands in the eight counties reveals the rather interesting fact that following the improvement of the main market roads the increase in the selling price of tillable farm lands served by the roads has amounted to from one to three times the total cost of the improvements. The increase in values in those instances which were recorded ranged from 53 per cent to 80 per cent in Spottsylvania Co., Va.; from 68 to 194 per cent in Dinwiddie Co., Va.; from 70 to 80 per cent in Lee Co., Va.; 25 to 100 in Wise Co., Va.; 9 to 114 in Franklin Co., N. Y.; 50 to 100 in Dallas Co., Ala.; 25 to 50 in Lauderdale Co., Miss., and from 50 to 100 in Manatee Co., Fla. The estimates of increase were based for the most part upon the territory within a distance of one mile on each side of the roads improved."

These same investigations by the Department of Agriculture disclosed that in the last 12 years there has been an increase of more than 250 per cent in the total outlay for roads and bridges in the United States.

WHY EVERY COUNTY SHOULD VOTE BONDS

There is an excellent reason why every voter in every county in the State outside of Multnomah County should vote for the \$6,000,000 road bond bill. Here it is:

Multnomah County has paved her roads. The \$6,000,000 paving fund will all be expended outside of Multnomah County. Multnomah County pays 40 per cent of the automobile license and the quarter-mile state road tax, which means she will pay 40 per cent of the \$6,000,000 bonds. Her contribution to the other counties for roads will be \$2,400,000.

Your county will get more back from these bonds than it will contribute.

WILL BE NO CHANCE TO JUGGLE THE BIDS

The State Highway Commission has formulated a general policy in the matter of letting contracts for road work in co-operation with the counties as contemplated in the \$6,000,000 road bond bill. It has been decided that the Commission sitting with the county court will let the contracts in the county in which the work is to be done. All bids are to be received on the day of award from the bidders or agents directly on the day of opening and read in the presence of the bidders. The object aimed at is to preclude any charge of the bids having been tampered with.

Farmers not residing on any of the roads to be improved under the road bond bill should not for that reason oppose the bond measure. With the approval by the voters of the bond issue, every such farmer will derive a two-fold benefit. In the first place, he will be brought that much closer to a hard-surfaced road. Secondly, the money now expended on the main roads will be available for the improvement of the connecting roads. Surely, the farmer, regardless of his residence with respect to the main trunk roads, cannot help but recognize that he will be benefited by the expenditure of funds raised by the proposed bond issue.

Young men are being continually urged to "Get back to the Farm," but they are expected to wade in mud up to their knees to get there. Vote for the \$6,000,000 bond measure and help make the farm more accessible to labor as well as to the markets.

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In addition to the picture program the regular three act Hippodrome vaudeville show will be given.

This week's show is made up of some good comedy acts and should prove a winner.

As before the first evening show will begin at 7:15 o'clock and the second one at about 9 o'clock. Adults 20c and children 10c.

Tom Queen and La Petite Ruth have a dancing, talking and singing act which is full of comedy. The DeHeers Sisters will be seen in an elaborately costumed classic dancing act. They excel both in dancing and in character dancing of the whirlwind variety. Ball and Sinclair have a singing and banjo act of note. Taken all in all the bill is one that should please all followers of good vaudeville.

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