

These projects have been built in 157 of the 159 counties.

The Board is concerned over the sky-rocketing costs for rights-of-ways. Mr. Lawson said they intend to be scrupulously fair in dealing with property owners, but declared that the State will not pay two or three prices for land which otherwise would be hard to sell at any price.

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HERMAN KERSTEEN, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., President of the National Association of County Officials, brought greetings from the national group which will meet in Atlanta on July 14-17, 1957. He spoke of the forces that would like to abolish county government; of the NACO program to secure payment to local units from the Federal Government in lieu of taxes. He said in the west some counties were 85% owned by the Federal Government and were allowed to vote and in one instance these 85% voted bonds for the 15% to pay. A bill now in Congress is a step to correct this inequality. He is in favor of paving the 41,000 miles now on the Interstate System of Roads before adding to it. He urged all County Commissioners to join NACO.

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GEORGE L. MATHEWS, in making his annual report as President of the Association, reaffirmed the position of this group when he called for support of the County Unit System and Segregation. He asked County Commissioners to support the Tax Assessors short course and in reference to highways he said: (1) Finish the 41,000 Interstate Highway System before adding additional mileage; (2) Keep bill boards off the right-of-way of this system; (3) Don't pass bills (which were pending in the last session of the Legislature) making it mandatory to reimburse utilities for relocation costs of their poles on highway rights-of-way.

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JUDGE G. H. STACY, President, brought greetings from the Alabama Association of County Commissioners. . . . ROBERT A. EVERETT, Secretary of the Tennessee County Services Assn., spoke briefly. . . . ERLE COCKE, JR., asked for assistance of County Commissioners in speeding up inoculation of Polio vaccine. . . . CLIFFORD OXFORD, President of the Georgia Mental Health Assn., also asked cooperation

in their program to prevent mental illness and help rehabilitate those who are mentally ill. . . . MARSHALL TEIEN of the Washington National Insurance Company spoke on the Association's group insurance plan and urged wider participation by the counties, saying that the efficiency of the county is geared to the people in your office and all business and industry is offering insurance plans to their employees.

Attorneys' Meeting

For several years the County Attorneys have been holding breakfast meetings on Tuesday morning of the convention. Twenty-seven attorneys attended this meeting on April 16th and an interesting discussion of problems, laws and other matters ensued. All present seemed to consider the meeting most informative and enjoyable.

About the only thing you can do on a shoe string these days, is trip.

Clerks' Meeting

What promises to be an interesting and useful adjunct to the County Commissioners Conventions was a meeting of the Clerks to the Boards of County Commissioners of the various counties. Such an informal meeting was held at breakfast on Tuesday morning and time was necessarily limited.

Though this first meeting was small—some 18 counties being represented—the ideas advanced and discussion entered into was interesting and informative.

Emmett Snellgrove, Bibb County Clerk, Macon, suggested this meeting and Frank Fling, Fulton County, Atlanta, presided. Plans were made to explore the possibilities of future meetings and the exchange of information among the Clerks.

A gossip talks about others, a bore talks about himself.

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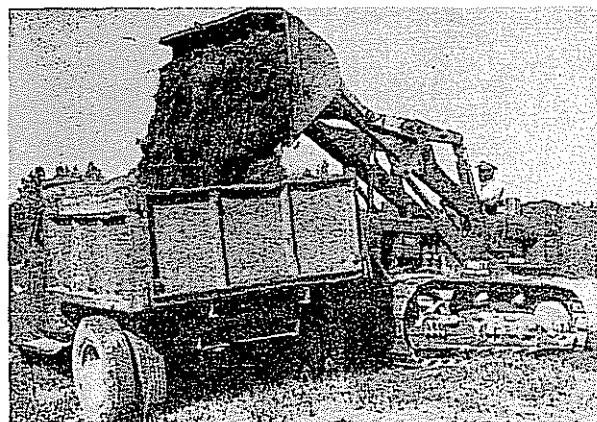
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Commissioners Clerks Meet

Program and plans are virtually complete for the third annual breakfast meeting of County Commission Clerks which will be held at 8:00 a.m. Monday, March 23, at the Dinkler-Plaza Hotel in Atlanta in conjunction with the annual convention of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia.

The breakfast meeting is scheduled for Monday this year instead of Tuesday. Clerks who attended last year having voted unanimously in the belief that this change not only would attract more Clerks to attend but also would make it possible to have a much better program and more time for discussions.

Emmett Snellgrove, Bibb County Commission Clerk and General Chairman of the breakfast program, said that the forum discussions this year would be divided into three groups as follows:

Clerks representing the two unit counties will meet in one group for discussion of common problems and this group will be led by Palmer Greene of Crisp County.

The four unit counties will meet in another discussion group and will be led by Howard J. Sears of Glynn County.

The third group, clerks representing the six unit counties, will be led in discussion by J. Paul Jones of Muscogee County.

Mr. Greene, Mr. Sears, and Mr. Jones have been contacting the Clerks in their respective groups during the past several weeks and it is anticipated that these discussions alone will be of such great benefit to individual clerks that none of them could afford to miss the breakfast program.

In addition to the forum discussions, matters of general interest to clerks will be presented and discussed. Fields Whatley of Polk County is Chairman of a Committee which will recommend future activities and interests for the clerks of the State. There is a possibility, for instance, that these recom-

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OFFICIAL CALL

45th Annual Convention

ASSOCIATION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GEORGIA

Atlanta, Georgia

March 23-24, 1959

DINKLER PLAZA HOTEL, HEADQUARTERS

There will be a get-together on Sunday night, March 22, but the convention will officially open on Monday morning, March 23rd.

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Registration will begin in the lobby of the hotel at 8 A.M. Monday morning. The convention program begins at 10 A.M. A group of outstanding sessions will round out the meeting.

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Urban County Progress Meeting

Senator John F. Kennedy is scheduled to be a speaker at the Urban County Progress Meeting to be held at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., on March 15-18, next.

An estimated 1,000 leaders of America's urban counties, plus observers and representatives of scores of governmental and quasi-governmental agencies interested in urban affairs will gather in Washington for the four-day meeting sponsored by the National Association of County Officials.

The Congress grew out of a resolution approved by NACO's Board of Directors at its recent Mid-Year Business Conference in Asheville, North Carolina.

This Congress, first of its type ever held on this problem by the working government officials, will dramatically project the American counties into the forefront of one of the most complexing domestic problems of the times, how to cope with the vast challenges brought on by urbanization.

NACO President W. H. "Pat" Johnston of Palmetto, Georgia, himself a member of a once rural county now classified as "urban" and faced with urban problems, called the proposal for the Congress "historic" and has urged all NACO members and particularly those in urbanized counties to attend.

The Congress will approach the urban problem from three angles, the General Approach, the Functional Approach, and the Action Approach, getting the job done.

Why the counties?

What is their interest in the Urban Problem?

To begin with, U. S. Census Bureau figures show that in most of the "standard metropolitan areas" a single county embraces the entire area. In the others, suburban counties quite often are ahead of the so-called "central city" in population figures. With such situations as "urban sprawl," sewage, air pollution, traffic and transportation, police and fire protection now far beyond the ability of the restricted cities to cope with, the logical step in the solution to the urban problem is through concerted action by the coun-

ties, either individually or in federation with other counties. Realizing this, counties are moving forward steadily to improve their own services, streamline their governmental efficiency, and take over responsibility for a wide range of functions never before considered to be under the domain of counties.

In other areas, they are moving toward federations, consolidation and multi-county arrangements.

How these things are being done, how they can be done, what solutions are being found or must be found, will be thoroughly explored by a series of panelists who have practical experience in those areas. Throughout the whole Congress, and the background leading to it, one can observe a re-awakening of the American county. This is one of the most stirring facts and accomplishments in post-war America.

COUNTY CLERKS—

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mendations will include an Institute for Clerks at Athens similar to the annual Institutes held by other organizations when clerks over the State will be permitted to extend their studies so that they will become better equip-

ped to meet problems that are constantly confronting them as County officials.

Frank Fling of Fulton County has been appointed Chairman of a Committee to propose a method for election of a General Chairman and Secretary so that all the clerks attending might have an opportunity to express their views in this connection.

General Chairman Snellgrove issued an appeal to every clerk in the State to make plans for attending the breakfast program and he urged every County Commission Chairman not only to permit but to insist that the Clerk of his Board attend.

"We are honored that the Association County Commissioners of Georgia has included a Clerks breakfast in its annual convention program. The Association is our host because our State Association leaders know the grass roots value of such a program for Clerks. We want every Clerk in the State to feel that he has a part in this program. Topics will be discussed of genuine interest to all of them, regardless of the size of the County. An additional benefit, and one which will obtain throughout the convention, will be the opportunity Clerks will have to know each other and enjoy mutual friendships."

Mr. Snellgrove urged that Clerks make their reservations with Mrs. Peeler early so that she may know the approximate number to attend.

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