

## LOCATION OF ROAD LEFT TO VIRGINIA

North Carolina Will Meet At Somerton, Provided Highway Is Brought There

### BRIDGE PLANS DELAYED

Virginia will settle this question of highway connecting the two states, whether it be at Corapeake or at Somerton. Frank Page, Chairman of the North Carolina State Highway Commission, told a delegation of citizens who called on him at Raleigh last Thursday that North Carolina would meet the Virginia road wherever it was brought to the line.

Attorney Thad A. Eure, of Winton, Mr. Parker, of Gates, and E. A. Brothers, of Nansmond County, Virginia, were in conference with Chairman Page last week. They went there in interest of the direct route to Somerton, and carried with them petitions signed by more than a thousand qualified voters of Gates, Hertford, Bertie and Martin counties. A large percentage of the signers were citizens of Gates county, through which the State Highway will be built, no matter which route is taken in this State.

The original purpose of North Carolina was to meet Virginia at Corapeake, and the highway engineers who laid out the State system included that section, which leaves the county seat to county seat highway at Sunbury. It was thought at that time that Virginia had settled on the location of its road—that it would be built to Corapeake. Since that time citizens of Virginia and North Carolina have become dissatisfied with the Corapeake route and turnabouts have been taken at prevailing upon the two highway commissions to change the route to go via Somerton and Whaleyville.

Sentiment is sharply divided in Virginia over the location of the road. However, a large majority in this State prefer the route by way of Somerton. Mr. Page's direct statement to the three men who carried up the petition was that North Carolina would meet Virginia wherever she located the road. Thus, the burden of deciding the location is left with Virginia authorities.

Attorney Eure and Mr. Brothers, both of whom have been working for the Somerton route, will now shift the scene of their operations to Virginia.

### Require Act Of Congress

Further delay in the approval of plans for the draw bridge to be constructed at Winton is now certain, since the State Highway Commission has recently learned that it will require an act of Congress to approve the bridge plans. Chairman Page says he only a few days ago recalled the fact that the bridge was to cross a stream that was navigable in two States, and that to secure approval of plans it was necessary for Congress to act.

The draw will be located at the identical spot shown on the blue print, Mr. Page said. The opposition to location of the draw is not of sufficient weight to cause any change, Mr. Page thinks. Approval has already been given by the War Department and it will recommend to Congress that the plans be oked with the draw as shown on the blue print.

Barge owners, and towers are making a kick on the location of the draw, but, whether their fight will make any dent in the plans is very unlikely, according to word brought back from Raleigh.

## AHOSKIE GOES TO BEACH

Qhowan Pleasure Beach at Colerain is drawing heavily upon the Sunday crowds at Ahsokie. On each of the last two Sundays large numbers of persons from here have driven to Colerain, some to spend the day and others the afternoons on the beach. The Pleasure Beach is growing in popular favor each year, and has been substituted for Norfolk beaches to a large extent.

## AULANDER TO STAGE BIG DAY ON FOURTH

Aulander, June 3—The 4th of July will be a big day in Aulander. There will be staged two ball games and speaking by Judge John H. Kerr, of Warrenton. There will also be free lemonade and barbecue. Mr. W. C. Hardy, of Kelford, the famous "barbecue king" has been engaged to furnish the "cue" and hot corn bread for the thousand or more people who are expected to attend.

This will be the first celebration of the kind Aulander has had for the past several years, and the citizens and business men of the town are entering into the spirit of the thing with real enthusiasm. The entire town will be in a holiday mood and a tremendous crowd is expected. Everything will be free except admission to the ball park, where two ball games between Aulander and a champion Norfolk team may be seen and plenty of barbecue may be had for the price of admission.

## GOOD REPORT OF WORK DONE BY MISS SWINDELL

Booklet Showing Balanced Meals And Other Information Distributed

In the reports of home demonstration agents within the district supervised by Miss Pauline Smith of Washington, Hertford County for the month of May makes one of the best ratings of all and stands well to the front in the work accomplished. The following is a copy of the report submitted by the District Agent to the State Department.

Miss Myrtle Swindell of Hertford county has continued the work in millinery. Miss Swindell's club exhibits at the Hertford County commencement were interesting features of the occasion. Sport hats were shown in one room; booklets showing balanced menus and food posters in another and meals, cooked and arranged by each club in the county in another section. These meals were as follows: Breakfast for an adult and for a child; dinner for an adult and for a child; supper for an adult and a child; attractive Sunday night supper; attractive luncheon; club party refreshments and liquid dishes for convalescents. These were arranged on separate tables, the name of the club preparing the dishes above the respective tables. It was a most popular room all during the day.

Miss Swindell opened her curb market on May 11th. Turnip greens, cabbage, onions, chickens, eggs, meat, doughnuts, fruit cake, potato chips, sweet potatoes, strawberries and canned fruits were sold. The sales have amounted to more than \$30.00 each day.

Field days 12; office 12; clubs visited 2; attendance 85; schools visited 2; attendance 108; meetings held and attended 16; attendance 2116; conferences 73; letters written 114; miles by auto 430; demonstrations 8.

Bertie County  
Miss Addie Sue Harry of Bertie county has spent the month in organizing clubs. Sewing is the project being presented.

Field days 16; office 8; clubs visited 7; attendance 116; schools visited 7; attendance 314; number meetings held and attended 17; attendance 572; conferences 344; articles for publication 10; homes visited 23; letters 62; circular letters 45; bulletins 97; number of miles by auto 538.

## DILDAY-BRADY

Suffolk, June 11.—Dallas Lee Dilday, of the U. S. Navy, son of W. J. Dilday, of Ahsokie, N. C., and Miss Celestine Anne Brady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brady, of Winton, N. C., were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tinkham in Kingsboro Heights last night at 7 o'clock by the Rev. H. H. Butler. The bride wore a dress of dark blue with hat and gloves that harmonized. The groom is a chief petty officer in the navy. The couple will reside in Portsmouth.—Virginian-Pilot.

## ELECTRIC CURRENT SERVICE EXTENDED

Council Votes To Run Plant Seventeen Hours Per Day, Beginning June 15

### CITY TAGS FOR AUTOS

Whatever fears had been entertained about Ahsokie's new town council curtailing the service given by the municipal electric light plant were completely dissipated last Monday night, when by a unanimous vote Messrs. Basnight, Hayes, and Myers ordered the plant run seventeen hours out of every twenty-four. Beginning Friday, June 15th, the plant will be operated each day from 12 o'clock, noon, until 5 o'clock a. m.

This action is but the forerunner, possibly, of a twenty-four hour service which is in prospect from two sources. The council is still seeking to make agreeable contracts with other nearby towns for the furnishing of current, and at the same time are considering the installation of a smaller unit at the plant for continuous operation at a decreased cost of operation. It is known that at least one of the councilman, H. S. Basnight, is in favor of such an investment, and he believes it will pay the town handsomely. The other two members are also favorable to the full service and are in line to make whatever extension of service humanly possible to do.

Messrs. Burke and Caddell, contract engineers of Norfolk, have been in Ahsokie this week seeking to effect a contract with Powellsville; and also familiarizing the new council with the terms of the contract Ahsokie has with their company. They have been conferring with the board at Ahsokie, and also at Powellsville.

All automobiles owned and operated in Ahsokie will be required to carry city licenses after July 1. An ordinance requiring the tags was passed Monday night, and a fee of one dollar per tag was set. L. C. Williams, clerk, was ordered to purchase the tags and have them ready for distribution within a few days. All cars in the town will have to be equipped with these licenses by July 1st.

The council has been in session every night this week, and by its application to the work at hand has shown a determination to "sweep the carpet clean." Taxes and bond payments have engaged its attention. Another payment on municipal bonds is due this week, June 15th, and arrangements have been made to meet the demand promptly and without delay to the bond holders.

## WILL REMOVE ALL INDIGENT OFFICERS

With a view of prosecution and dismissal from Government service where the offender is a Federal employee, investigation is being made by the Bureau of Internal Revenue of reports that persons authorized to administer oaths are not, in all cases, performing such duty properly and in accordance with the law.

Section 106 of the United States Penal Code provides a penalty of \$500 fine or imprisonment for one year, or both, for "whoever, being a public officer or other person authorized by any law of the United States to make or give a certificate or other writing, shall knowingly make and deliver as true such a certificate or writing containing any statement which he knows to be false." Such misconduct, it is declared by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, D. H. Blair, in addition to the penalties prescribed by law, will be deemed sufficient reason for requesting the cancellation of the oath-administering authority for any officer guilty of the offense, and in the case of Bureau officers, for dismissal from the service.

## ROAD BOARD GIVES BRIDGE CONTRACTS

After delaying the awarding of contracts for bridges on three different occasions, the Hertford County Road Board voted last Monday to give W. B. Barrow, of Roanoke Rapids, contract for construction of four bridges in the county. The approximate cost of the four bridges will be \$12,000 half of that amount being allocated to the bridge across Stoney Creek, Ahsokie Township.

Two bridges, Vinson's and Vaughans, will be built in Murfreesboro Township, and one will be constructed in St. Johns Township, on the Aulander-St. Johns highway. The board spent two hours considering the three bids made, and almost deadlocked on a final decision. Messrs. J. R. Garrett and H. G. Snipes were the only members voting on the motion to award contracts.

Besides the regular routine business of approving bills, this was the only action taken at Monday's meeting of the board.

## AHOSKIE YOUNG MAN TO WED GATESVILLE LADY

Shower Given In Honor Of Bride-Elect Of Charles M. Earley

Gatesville, June 7.—The home of Mrs. Emmet L. Riddick was beautiful in its profusion of sweet peas and Dorothy Perkins rose Wednesday evening when she entertained a number of friends at a beautiful party to announce the approaching marriage of Miss May Edna Smith and Charles Marion Earley which will take place this month.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers, the color scheme of pink and white being carried out in both decorations and refreshments. The mantels were banked in magnolias and the stairway was festooned in trailing vines.

As the guests arrived they were invited to the dining room where delicious punch and sweet sandwiches were served by Misses Evelyn Riddick and Eliza Cowper.

After several games of progressive bridge were played a love letter contest, in which the missing words were filled with the names of flowers. In the midst of the contest little Miss Elizabeth Greenleaf of Mebane, N. C., and Penelope Cowper brought in baskets of leghorn hats filled with sweet peas and presented the bride-elect with a shower bouquet of sweet peas and roses and each guest with a miniature corsage to which was attached dainty cards bearing the inscription Early-Smith, June 30, 1923. A shower of rice and congratulations immediately followed and a toast was given to the bride. The hostess then presented Miss Smith with a "Bride Book."

The guests were served an ice course, mints and nuts with favors of pink baskets.

The out of town guests were Mrs. J. Frank Weeks, Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Martin Kellogg, Sunbury, Mrs. Louis E. Greenleaf, Mebane, and Mrs. B. L. Banks, Elizabeth City.

## ANOTHER AHOSKIE BOY IS MARRIED

The following announcement appeared in last Saturday's issue of the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch. The groom, Stewart Holloman, is well known in Ahsokie and vicinity. For two years he was salesman for J. T. Williams & Bro., of this town, leaving here for Norfolk to accept a position there.

### Holloman-Brashear

The marriage of Miss Ruth Madeline Brashear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brashear, of this city and Albert Stuart Holloman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Holloman of Ahsokie, N. C., will take place this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the parsonage of Knox Presbyterian church, Rev. W. H. T. Squires, pastor of the church officiating.

Mr. Holloman and his bride will leave for a northern wedding trip and upon their return will reside with the bride's parents in the Wentworth apartments.

## NEGROES DIVIDED ON TURNING WATERS NORMAL INSTITUTE OVER TO EDUCATION BOARD

Dr. C. S. Brown, President, Makes Offer To Board of Education, And Arguments Advanced For And Against Proposition.

Ahokie Negroes Fight Hard To Retain Appropriation For Training School. Lawyers Employed To Aid In Carrying Point

Disturbing elements threatened to disrupt the even keel which has so long been kept by the good ship Board of Education of Hertford County, last Monday. The members of the board, however, remained comparatively calm during the tempest, and emerged without a scratch, simply passing a motion that was recommended by Professor N. C. Newbold, of the State Department of Education.

A contest of heated argument and ill feeling engendered by sporadic attempts to discredit both sides waged from eleven o'clock in the morning until four o'clock, with an hour for intermission. It was over the proposition whether the county board of education should accept the Waters Normal Institute as a gift, and make it an accredited high school for negroes and a training school for negro teachers. The motion passed was to accept the property, provided all legal tangles to the transfer were ironed out and eliminated altogether. G. C. Picot of Como made the motion, seconded by B. G. Williams of Cofield.

Jno. E. Vann, third member of the board, did not vote. He did, however, make a speech in which he called upon the negroes to refrain from such tactics as shown at the hearing, and emphasized the fact that he was willing to do all that he could, as a board member, for the negroes of the county. He also took a whack at Ahsokie for its repeated attempts to take everything in sight, and by way of emphasis told those who were representing the interests of Ahsokie negroes that the negro school here had been bleeding the board of education for money from time immemorial. Mr. Vann said he was willing to help Ahsokie, however, and would give them equal consideration with other towns, notably Winton in this instance.

Dr. C. S. Brown, negro educator of note, and president of Waters Normal Institute for 37 years, made the keynote speech of the day and set the torches ablaze. After presenting his school plan he sat down to listen to Professor C. S. Yeates, of the Hertford County Training School at Ahsokie, Attorney L. C. Williams of Ahsokie, Attorney Stanley Winborne, of Murfreesboro, also representing Ahsokie negroes, and Dr. C. G. Powell, of Ahsokie, urge the board to continue the county appropriation for a training school, at Ahsokie. Each of these men urged the appropriation at Ahsokie, on account of the larger number of patrons at Ahsokie, and the better facilities offered at Ahsokie.

Not a note of bitterness prevailed until Doctor Brown arose for a second time to advance his claims. He was bitter in his denunciation of some members of his race who had opposed the move to turn the property over to the county. He reviewed the work he had done for negro education, and impressed it upon the board and all listeners that he was the leader; that he knew what the negroes wanted; that they wanted to come to Winton, the acknowledged headquarters of the colored race in Hertford County; and that all of his transactions in the many years he had been the leader were honestly performed and were free from any suspicion of personal gain.

He condemned in strong terms Ahsokie colored people for failing to do anything for the education of their youth. He told of repeated efforts to arouse Ahsokie negroes to action, and turned upon them all the strength of his brilliant oratory for utter failure to act except to make a kick when he was trying to make a move that would benefit the whole county.

His speech was a signal for further bitterness in speech. Rev. J. S. Sills, Ahsokie Baptist preacher, and his wife both made talks, in which they made a general denial of the willingness of the colored race to turn the Waters Normal over to the county, and strongly intimated that Doctor Brown had used deceptive tactics in securing their consent to the transfer. "He was president, secretary, and the whole show" in a recent meeting of negroes to vote on the proposition, these Ahsokie persons said.

Attorney Williams made a plea for the school at Ahsokie, and presented some census figures to show that there was a much larger negro population in Ahsokie, and urged a continuation of county support to the school on these grounds. He also advanced further reasons for the retention of a training school at Ahsokie—the heroic work done by the Ahsokie negroes to promote a school,

their transfer of property to the county for that purpose, and the railroad facilities offered.

Mr. Winborne spoke for the Ahsokie school and against the Waters Normal Institute, advancing the belief that legally the board could not accept the gift tendered by Doctor Brown. The property could not be given away without consent of all stockholders, he said, and it was his contention that much of the stock was not favorable to the transaction. Certificates, either as receipts for money paid as donations or as legal stocks carrying with them part ownership, had been distributed among the churches and Sunday schools in the negro Baptist association, and many of the holders of these were opposed to the donation. He did not believe the board could accept the tender.

In the midst of the wrangle adjournment was taken for dinner. It was then two o'clock. One hour later, the board re-convened, caucused in the superintendent's office, listened further to pleas for Ahsokie, and voted with the result noted in a former paragraph.

Professor N. C. Newbold, supervisor of negro education in the State, attended the meeting upon the invitation of the board and county superintendent and advised them to accept the gift, provided there were no conditions attached. It was the general policy of the state authorities, he said, to take over private institutions whenever offered, provided there were no legal difficulties and no strings attached.

The gist of the proposition resolves itself into a situation like this: If the county takes over the Waters Normal Institute and makes it a county training school, the appropriation, which is small, will be withdrawn from the Hertford County Training School at Ahsokie. The Ahsokie colored people are working to retain the appropriation and went to Winton determined, if possible, to carry their point. On the other hand, the county will come into possession of a valuable piece of school property by taking over the Winton school, although there are some conditions yet to be met by the owners before the gift can be accepted.

The proposition offered by Doctor Brown was to give the property to the county, provided negro trustees were appointed to conduct the school affairs, it to be forever used as an accredited negro high school and teacher training school, a debt of \$4,000 be assumed by the county, and Brown be retained in charge of the institution. It is these conditions that must be removed, together with a deed in fee simple for the property, before the county can entertain the transfer in its favor.