

WHY IS AN ENGINEER?

Pages and Pages of Blueprints and Graphs Before the Highway. Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, June 19.—What is a highway? Just a strip of concrete or asphalt upon which to drive your automobile? Yes, but it is more than that. Have you ever stopped to think that strip of road was visualized in the mind of a Highway Commission engineer, then transferred to pages and pages of blueprints, before ever becoming an actual highway?

Dinner Stories

Likee Worker. A Chinese newspaper published this letter from an applicant for work: Sir: I am a Wang. I can drive typewriter with good noise and my English is great. My last job has left itself from me, for good reason that large man has died. So, honorable sirs, what about it? If I can be of big use to you, I will arrive on same date that you should guess.

Still in Doubt. The very small boy with the very large gun was standing in a country road.

Manager—Your handwriting is all right, but can you write shorthand? Applicant—Oh, yes; but it takes me longer.

The minister's wife, while calling on a member of the congregation, mentioned, with excusable pride, that her daughter had won the prize in a music recital.

Magistrate—Have you appeared as a witness in a suit before? Witness—Yes, of course. Magistrate—What suit was it? Witness—A blue serge suit.

Sandy McIntosh had just returned from a trip to the old country. "Ye promised us," said his youngest son, "that ye'd send us a penny post-card from Edinburgh, father, and ye didna do so."

"Doan you start no fight with me, man. Ah's been decorated in de war."

"Maybe you wuz, but in mah opinion it's time yuh got redecored."

RIMER.

There will be a children's day program rendered at Prosperity E. L. Church Sunday, June 20th, at 8 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited to attend this program.

Misses Nora and Grace Saffit, of Kannapolis, spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. Frank Klutz.

Miss Inez Penninger spent last week at her sister's, Mrs. W. A. Sifford.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, of Concord, visited a few hours at B. B. Faggart's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sifford, of Concord, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Sifford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sifford.

There will be Community Meeting at Rimer school house Friday night, June 18th at 8 p. m. An interesting program is being planned. Every-

CONCORD ROUTE THREE.

There seems to be a good bit of harvesting around here now. It is so hot and dry that what grain is planted ripens fast.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Shive and son, "Bill," of Salisbury, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Misenheimer.

The many friends and relatives of Mrs. Effie Edison regret to learn of her illness and death. She is survived by her husband, one son and her father. The bereaved families have our sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Corl and little son, Marshal Banks, Jr., of Concord, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Misenheimer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Misenheimer spent Monday morning with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wilson, of Concord Route 3.

Venus, I saw in your last items where you said a man found a pig and put the pig on a bottle and it was looking fine. I expect it would have looked better if he would have put the nipple in the pig's mouth so it could get some milk.

LONG GRAND JURY PROBE

Alleged Atrocities Resulting From the Alabama Convict Lease System. (By International News Service) Birmingham, Ala., June 18.—Finishing one of the longest grand jury probes in Alabama history, the Jefferson county grand jury investigating alleged "atrocities" resulting from Alabama's convict lease system, charged that youths of high school age are being worked in prison mines by the side of "hardened criminals."

Warden Charles R. Davis and four convicts were charged by the grand jury with causing the death of James W. Knox at Flat Top mines. Davis is under \$25,000 bond awaiting trial. The four convicts indicted with him are in State prison. W. A. Bates, former deputy warden at Flat Top, is under indictment on a murder charge growing out of the investigation. He is charged with killing Frank Harper, a negro convict.

The grand jury, in its final report, found it advisable to refer investigation of alleged discrepancies in financial accounts of Warden Davis at Flat Top to a subsequent grand jury.

The Stars and Stripes was permanently planted in Alaska, at Sitka, October 18, 1867.

DETH SEALS SECRET OF THE "MYSTERY MAN"

Philadelphia Shoe Merchant Disappeared From His Home 20 Years Ago. (By International News Service) Memphis, Tenn., June 18.—Grim death has sealed forever the secret of Memphis' "mystery man."

Why Henry C. Koennemann, former Philadelphia shoe merchant, suddenly disappeared from his home 20 years ago and what led him to Memphis to spend his last days on earth in a "sunshine home" for aged and infirm men now probably will never be revealed.

For Koennemann died in a hospital here without divulging his secret. He lived here for many years, but he made few acquaintances and no confidants.

The "mystery man's" identity and the story of his strange disappearance became known here a little more than a year ago when he was stricken with apoplexy and was taken to a hospital.

Koennemann was 68 years old when he died.

The Stars and Stripes was first officially saluted by a foreign government on February 14, 1778.

Would Not Accept Roosevelt Role.

(By International News Service) Macon, Ga., June 18.—There is one person in the world who has no desire to enter the movies even when given the chance by a leading producer.

He is Dr. Andrew P. Montague, vice president of Mercer University, who has been suggested for the role of the late President Theodore Roosevelt in a rough riders picture to be filmed by Paramount.

Montague, it is said, bears a striking resemblance to the late president—the way Roosevelt would have looked, perhaps, had he led a life of seclusion of the school room rather than the vigorous out-of-doors life that he loved so well.

When Montague received the producer's letter asking for a photograph of himself, he smilingly sent the photograph, but explained that even though he should be selected for the T. R. role, he would not be able to accept it.

"Too old at forty" is a phrase that means nothing in the young life of C. H. Hart, one of England's famous long-distance runners.

Now turned sixty-two, Mr. Hart has recently been giving exhibitions of his speed and endurance by running against two horses for 12 hours each day.

The stars and stripes was first carried into action on a European battlefield by Gunner William H. Clancy, of the Royal field artillery of Canada, at Vimy Ridge, in 1917.

SNAKES ROB NESTS AND DEVOUR LITTLE BIRDS?

Question Has Been Settled Once For All. Tribune Bureau. Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, June 19.—Do snakes rob nests and devour young birds?

All the stories about such reptilian pests merely arguments of the imagination on the part of under-ripe naturalists? The question has now been settled once for all! Snakes eat birds! Here's how.

While on a reconnoitering tour a few days ago, a party of engineers from the State Highway Commission, composed of H. E. Noel, District Engineer, R. G. Browning, Washington, were coming down a steep trail on Buck Creek mountain, west of Marion. The trail was narrow, the undergrowth dense and the going slow.

"The trail was not an old one—it looked as if it had been in use since the days of Daniel Boone," said a member of the party in telling of the trip. "All at once we heard a great commotion in a clump of laurel near the trail, and a mother Wood Thrush 'Swamp Robin' as some call them, was making a awful fuss. So we stopped to investigate."

"On parting the branches, we saw a large black snake, which later proved to be more than five feet long, coiled up the branches and in the act of devouring one of this mother bird's two fledglings. The second fledgling followed on quivering on the edge of the nest awaiting his turn, then Mr. Hooper knocked the big snake to the ground, and stepped on its head, in the soft ground he was unable to rush its head, and it quickly coiled about his leg, almost pinning him down. Finally, however, he was able to move his foot so as to expose the snake's head, whereupon the other members of the party were able to hit it with a club and killed it. But the snake did not disgorge the bird.

Yes, snakes eat birds!

No New Tax Cut in Sight.

The Pathfinder. President Coolidge put a quick stop to rumors that another tax cut was imminent. Though he expects a treasury surplus, he does not think there will be anywhere near large enough to warrant a further slash in taxes. In fact, he does not see another cut for several years to come, or at least until there is a reduction in our national debt. He explains that the bill effect of the last tax cut will not be so apparent as the fiscal year as will be during the next two years.

The things Congress should go slow in expenditures to avoid a possible deficit. The chief executive is not as optimistic as Secretary Mellon, who predicts a treasury surplus of \$300,000,000 at the end of this month.

This outlook, coupled with statements of the president and cabinet members that America is enjoying unusual prosperity, led some political writers to anticipate another tax reduction.

See: "I wonder if Professor Kidment anything by it." Perkins: "By what?" See: "He advertised a lecture on 'birds', and when I bought a ticket was marked 'Admit One'."

THEY'LL DIET TOO

That is providing you got the will-power. You know me Sam, I got a will-power onto me like a mule!

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Oh im sorry to hear that Mr Hawkins is ill!

It aint serious I made him promise to have his wife set a very frugal table for the next few days!

Idiot!

Doncha know were dining with 'em tmorry night!

Mr. I. Knowitt

Mr. I. Knowitt. That man doesn't stop for breath! CENTRAL CENTRAL GIMME! WHATSAT I DONT ANSWER? TOMMOROW TRY IT AGAIN!

DONT ANSWER! WELL THEY WILL ANSWER IF YOU BING'S EM TREAD O GOIN TO SLEEP! GIMME THE MANAGER!

HELLO, MANAGER? NA SAY HANDE THEY DONT ANSWER OUSE NOBODY'S HOME. BUT MY WIFE IS HOME. DONT I KNOW!

THAT WOMAN NEVER GOES ANYWHERE WITHOUT ASKING ME - DONT TELL ME THAT NOBODY ANSWERS MY WIFE IS!

HELLO SWEETIE IVE JUST BEEN SHOPPING SO I DROPPED IN!

IT'S MORNING TO MY YOUNG LIFE!

LITTLE JULIUS SNEEZER

OH-YOURE JUST THE FELLOW I WANT TO SEE!

I ONLY TALK TO PEOPLE THAT OWE ME MONEY!

I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO MAKE A LITTLE ADDRESS BEFORE YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NEXT SUNDAY!

THATS WHERE I SHINE!

HAVE YOU EVER HAD ANY EXPERIENCE SPEAKING BEFORE PUBLIC GATHERINGS?

HAVE I? I SHOULD SAY I HAVE!

THREE MONTHS ADDRESSING ENVELOPES!

BY BAKER

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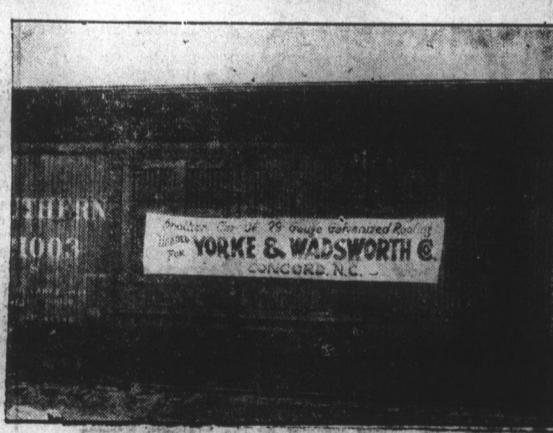
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