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THAT NEW ROAD

The talk of a through road from Winston-Salem to Fayetteville and Wilmington is creating more or less enthusiasm all along the line, and it will be interesting to know that at both ends of the road, Wilmington and Winston-Salem, the newspapers are pushing on the lines. Winston-Salem will have a finished line as far as High Point before long, and the papers up that way are anxious to have the road come on down into Moore county as speedily as possible that they may get in touch with the Pinehurst section and with the fruit belt. Then a rivalry has set in up that way as to a road from Greensboro down this way, and two factions are working on plans for a road from Greensboro, one by High Point to Asheboro, and the other by Randleman and straight across the triangle that leaves High Point to the left. In either event the road will be brought down as far as Asheboro, and if both roads are built it will serve as two outlets to the north one by way of Winston-Salem and the Valley of Virginia to Maryland and Pennsylvania, and the other to the Virginia road system farther east.

Wilmington is getting her road pretty well connected up all the way to Fayetteville, and it is only a question of time until it will be through. For that matter the road can be traveled now all the way from Winston-Salem to Wilmington and except for a few miles it is a right fair road all the way. A little actual work would make the whole route pretty good, and it would not be much of a task to make a complete road the entire distance.

HIGH POINT-TWIN CITY ROAD WORK IS STARTED

Of interest to road enthusiasts in this section is the fact that yesterday witnessed the pouring of the first concrete on the new ten and one-half mile link in the High Point-Winston-Salem highway. The contract is in charge of Royer-Ferguson Company and High Point is being used as a base for supplies. The company has installed brand new road machinery and concrete mixer and two miles of dinky railroad line. The pouring began yesterday at the High Point city limits and the contractors hope to pour approximately 400 lineal feet daily. Small gasoline engines on rails pull the cars containing the materials from the place where the trucks are unloaded, to the mixer.

R. G. Lassiter & Company, which has the county contract for building the mile of road from Mechanicsville to the Davidson county line, has the steam shovel at work and plans to push this link to early completion. This road joins the Winston concrete road a few hundred feet from the High Point city limits.—Greensboro News.

A GOOD BUNCH

The orchestra that has been taking care of Lakeview during the summer for W. J. Harrington and putting up at the Hotel Vass, has delivered the goods in every way. They have not only been competent players and able and ready to serve, but they have also been ready to use their influence for the welfare of the community in which they have been at work. Harry Ludwig has been at the head of the organization and he has been active in making his friends acquainted with both Lakeview and Vass, and in helping to increase the number of visitors at both places. Those who have fallen in with the orchestra will be glad to see these men come back again either as players or as visitors, for they made a hit in all lines.

FIGURING ON COMING HERE TO HUNT

The prospects are that Vass will be the center of a considerable hunting population this winter. J. Ebb Weir, a long Island florist who has been coming to Pinehurst for many seasons to hunt, has been casting an eye toward Vass, and he says he expects to put in considerable time over here because there is more big forest area in this section than anywhere else in the country. He will probably be accompanied by some of his friends from time to time, and it is possible that a hunting colony of some proportions may be established with Vass as its center, on account of the big extension of wild land that is easy to reach from this point. He expects that the center of interest in hunting will shift this way because the other sections of the county are filling up with peach men and farmers and the hunter has to get farther out from the settlements to find what he wants.

ANOTHER TRAIN TO STOP AT VASS

John T. West, passenger agent of the Seaboard, says the road is considering another train when the winter season opens, and he is trying to arrange to have it stop at Vass. The increasing travels to Vass and Lakeview, and the probability that Vass will have a better business when the season opens, inclines the Seaboard folks to look with favor on better railroad facilities for the town, and Mr. West is in hopes the new train will make this stop. He is pretty well satisfied with conditions in this immediate vicinity, and says Lakeview never had more business for the Seaboard than this summer.

Lenine says he is going to take a vacation, and Russia probably hopes that while he is gone he'll forget to return.

DRY WEATHER IN THE NORTH

The following is a letter received from Dr. Gilman, of Lakeview, who is visiting in Philadelphia:

THE LOUVAIN
1727 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 30th, 1921.

Friend Brewer:

My paper not having arrived as yet I thought I would so advise you. I enclose another installment of N. C. matter.

Living here is about the same as during the war. Prices of a few things have lowered, but the majority are about at the peak yet.

Very dry; one little shower, in the last three weeks and over, farmers complaining; in the country many wells are drying up; rivers are low.

Money seems to be plenty as buying is quite extensive and people apparently not disturbed by high prices—pay willingly anything that is asked.

Yours truly,
GILMAN.

NOT SO BAD

Notwithstanding hot July and August days and threatened drouths we have slipped into September with a bountiful crop in prospect. Wheat was pretty fair, taken the whole country over; oats and hay not extra, but there will be enough, and poultry products are declared to have been profitable on the average throughout the entire summer.

Farmers tell us there is more money in hogs this year than at normal times, and all those who have marketed their corn by way of the pig pen are not complaining of prices. Finished beef is being marketed with profit by good feeders, although old cows and canners are literally down to the bone. Sheep are declared to be too cheap, but the lamb crop, as an average, has been fairly remunerative.

Taken by and large and on the whole, the sentiment as well as the prospects on the farm are better than they have been since the slump started a year ago. And as the farm runs, so runs the town to a large extent. Something like normal purchases are now being made by residents of both town and country, where prices are right, and the wheels are beginning to move again. We've still lots to grumble about, and all of us do our share of it. But we are pretty well agreed that things are slowly becoming brighter, that they could be a whole lot worse. There is still a lot in faith, and right now is a good time to put plenty of faith in the future, to believe that next week is going to be a much better week than this.

It isn't a plain face that keeps some girls from marrying. In some instances it's her good sense.

BEASLEY BUILDING STARTED

Work has commenced on the Beasley building that is to stand beside the bank building. The excavation has been in progress for some days, the clay from the basement going to improve the street in front of the building. As the lot slopes back from the street the work of digging out for the foundation and the cellar will not be very great, and then the masonry can be commenced. It is the intention to have this building ready for use some time in the winter. It will be another of the prominent structures of the town, and the most important one attempted since the hotel was completed. Another brick building is also in sight in the same neighborhood A. Cameron has sold to A. G. and G. S. Edwards the lot next to the Beasley lot, and the buyers are preparing to put on it a two-story brick block. How soon work on this building will commence is not yet made known, but the sale of the lot carries with it the early construction of the building, as Mr. Cameron says he will not sell any of the building sites on the street near the bank except for building purposes, as he wants to see the town develop, and does not want the ground tied up so that a man who might want to build cannot find a place for his building.

Since Francis Deaton has begun his survey of the town talk is heard of another building on some of the streets he is about to open, and the general sentiment is that as money begins to ease up a little building on a considerable scale will start.

The addition to the school house is so far along that it will soon be ready for use, and that adds materially to the progressive appearance of Vass.

LAKEVIEW REVERIES

By Helen Mar D'Auby

Gone are the days of plastered walls,
And windows draped with four-fold screen,
The sun pours down unhindered rays
On forest leaf and fields of green.

The hammock swings in balmy breeze,
The boats are dancing o'er the tide
The smiling morning gladdens all
The merry camps, the lake spread wide.

A molten mirror flecked with cloud
All shimmering in its sky-lit space,
And purple shadowed where it leans,
Held fast in loving embrace.

The echoing paddles flashing far,
In jeweled splendor rise and fall;
From hill and vale the laugh and shout,
The jest and song and merry call.

How sweet is life, how fair is love,
How far away the tug and strain,
And jar and fret, and weary strife,
For pride and place and greed and gain.