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Road Across Dismal Swamp Open To Traffic By Spring

Indications are Highway Which Is to Unite Gates and Pasquotank and Restore Lost Provinces of East Will be Ready for Use in Little More Than Six Months

Indications are that next spring will see connected by a well graded dirt State highway the Tadmore section of Pasquotank and the Acorn Hill section of Gates County.

Separated from each other by an arm of the Dismal Swamp less than four miles wide, farmers on the Pasquotank side of the swamp have been able to hear the roosters crow on a calm clear morning in Gates for generations, and yet during all these years the two communities have been strangers. Three and a half miles apart as a crow flies, they were 10 miles removed from each other as roads run, and much of the road was exceedingly rough going at that, the matter of traversing it requiring a drive of from several hours to half a day, according to the condition of the road and the means of locomotion used.

Within a little more than six months one may drive an automobile from Tadmore to Acorn Hill over what promises to be as wide and as smooth a dirt road as is to be found in the two counties, and the ride will take hardly ten minutes. One may drive from Elizabeth City to Sunbury at a saving of 15 or 20 miles.

The new road runs from Newland Methodist Church in Pasquotank to Acorn Hill in Gates. For part of the way it follows an old road bed. But the section that crosses the swamp and a considerable part of the section through Tadmore runs parallel to the main drainage ditch and is built of the dirt taken from the canal. Four miles of this 10-mile canal has been dug, and the dredge is now at work cutting a trench 30 feet wide and nine feet deep through Cortez Temple's cornfield. Farther back along the canal bank men with mules and scoops are at work grading the dirt from the canal and turning it into a roadbed. Farther back still the work of grading is complete and the road has been opened to traffic, giving one a very encouraging idea of how the entire road will look when completed.

Cutting Through Cornfield
While the big dredge is cutting its unaccustomed way, working day and night, through Cortez Temple's cornfield, from the Gates County side of the Dismal Swamp another gang is at work clearing the right of way through the dense swamp to the edge of the same cornfield. With three and a half miles to go, two and a half miles have been cleared to date, and the gang at work in the swamp where the foliage is so dense that the hoot of owls may be heard in the daytime is expected to emerge in Temple's cornfield at the Pasquotank edge of the swamp about the time that the dredge now cutting through the corn reaches the swamp.

In the Tadmore section of Pasquotank is some of the richest land in the county and some of the finest corn-land to be found anywhere. But Tadmore has been under a double handicap all these years by reason of lack of drainage and lack of transportation. With a hard surfaced road from Newland Methodist Church to Elizabeth City linking up with the road across the Dismal Swamp, which is to be paved by the State after it has been given a year or two to settle, Tadmore will have a dependable outlet eastward to Elizabeth City and westward to the railroad. And at the same time that the road is being built the canal alongside the highway which makes the road possible also constitutes the main drainage ditch of Newland Drainage district Number One, forming the nucleus of a drainage system which is eventually to cover the whole Tadmore area, embracing something like 7,000 acres. Cortez Temple, through whose lands the main canal runs, will have to pay \$10 an acre as his share of the drainage cost; but he has 13 years to pay this amount and payments do not have to begin until he has enjoyed the benefits of drainage for three years. Mr. Temple thinks that the ditch will be worth all it costs him the first year it is in operation.

Outlet to Norfolk Also
Not only is adequate drainage being made possible in Tadmore and a transportation outlet being opened to Tadmore eastward and westward, but also, at the same time, a dependable and shorter highway from Tadmore to Norfolk is to be opened up by the construction of the State road from South Mills across the Pasquotank river connecting with the Elizabeth City-Newland brick road a short distance above Hinton's Corner. Two of the four concrete abutments of the bridge across the river are complete and prospects indicate the completion of the bridge in October and the opening of this road

WILL TAKE MEALS STANDING AWHILE

(By The Associated Press)
Stevensville, O., July 19.—Twelve or 13 negroes who participated in a dice game at Labelle Iron Works here last night are in the mill hospital today suffering from burns. A dozen were ranged along one side of the table. While the thirteenth wielded the spotted ivory gallopers one of the 12 grabbed the pot in the center of the table. Number 13 reached for his pistol. As it flashed in a dozen sat down on a red hot fuel pipe. Twelve pairs of trousers were ruined and their owners will take their meals standing for several days.

LIEUT. MAUGHAN GETS OFF AGAIN

On Dawn-to-Dusk, Coast-to-Coast Flight, Arriving at Dayton, Ohio, at 8:35 on First Leg of Journey.

(By The Associated Press)
St. Joseph, Mo., July 19.—Lieut. Maughan landed here at 11:25 Central standard time, thus completing the second leg of his trans-continental flight. He departed at 12:03.
Dayton, O., July 19.—Lieut. Maughan arrived at McCook at 8:35 Eastern time, on the first leg of his New York to San Francisco dawn to dusk flight.
Mitchell Field, N. Y., July 19.—Lieut. Russell Maughan took off at 4:08 o'clock this morning, Eastern standard time, on his second attempt to fly from coast to coast between dawn and dark.

BOAT LINE COMMISSION SEEKS RULING I. C. C.

Raleigh, July 19.—The State Boat Line Commission announced yesterday that it will seek the Interstate Commerce Commission ruling on the jurisdiction over rail and water lines if the boat line is established by the State.

FIRE SWEEPS TOWN IN WEST VIRGINIA

Bluefield, W. Va., July 19.—Ten business buildings were among the structures destroyed by the fire which today swept through Kimball near here, doing damage estimated at half a million dollars. Twenty families were rendered homeless but there were no casualties.

SUBPOENAS ISSUED FOR KLAN OFFICERS

Lumberton, July 19.—The state sprung a surprise here late yesterday afternoon when subpoenas were issued at the state's request compelling grand officers of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina to bring their records into court to reveal the membership in Fairmont Klavern and all records, if any, dealing with the flogging of women, and with H. L. Talloferro, self-described detective of the Klan, who is implicated in the sensational flogging case now on trial here for tampering with the witnesses.

Lumberton, July 19.—Chief of Police Lawson at Fairmont took the stand in his own behalf today and denied that he was present during the recent flogging of two white women near Proctorville.

Julie Brogden and Johnson Hedgepeth, the other defendants, previously denied any connection with the case. Lawson also declared that he was a Klansman.

Thus both handicaps that have hindered the development of the Tadmore—lack of drainage and lack of transportation facilities—will be removed.

At the same time, by means of the road across the Dismal Swamp, Gates County will be brought within Elizabeth City's trading radius and the lost provinces to the north of the Albemarle Sound will be restored to North Carolina; and, by means of the Newland-South Mills road, Upper Camden will be brought in closer proximity to Elizabeth City.

WHAT FRANCE IS GETTING OUT OF THE RUHR.



French Cabinet Ministers M. Mignot, M. de Lasteryie (Minister of Finances) and M. Le Troquer examining a huge pile of coke ready at a canal side for shipment over the border.

GERMANS SEEK TO SWAY BRITISH

Information Reaches French Through Unquestionable Sources that Germany Is Trying to Figure in Reparations Note.

(By The Associated Press)
Paris, July 19.—The German government through its London embassy is striving to have the forthcoming British note on reparations convey to France Germany's willingness to cease passive resistance in the Ruhr subject to certain concessions by France.

This information reached the French today on what is regarded an unquestionable but unofficial authority.
Berlin, July 19.—German representatives in London, Rome, Washington, and at the Vatican have been instructed to make representations against the prolongation of the traffic blockade between occupied and unoccupied Germany, according to semi-official statement made here today.

Drainage Canal Bridges are Nearing Completion

Three of the five bridges of creosoted lumber, built at points where a public road crosses the drainage canals of Newland Drainage District Number One, are complete and the other two are being pushed to completion as rapidly as possible, according to W. H. Thomas, superintendent of operations.

The drainage district must bear the expense of building a bridge where its canals cross a public road but the expense of maintaining the bridges after they are built rests on the County. When the Board of County Commissioners of Pasquotank, therefore, early last spring discovered that the drainage commissioners had contracted for the cheapest type of bridge possible, the County Board voted to pay the extra cost of a bridge of creosoted lumber, guaranteed to last thirty years, figuring that in the long run the County would save money thereby.

Two by four creosoted scantling laid edgewise and covered with a top dressing of asphalt constitute the driveway of these bridges and the appearance indicates that they will make good the guarantee to last 30 years.

This is the same type of bridge as that crossing Glovers Cut on the Pasquotank River State Bridge road of floating concrete.

WILL GO AHEAD WITH TUSKEGEE MATTER

Washington, July 19.—Director Hines yesterday announced that unless his office and the Tuskegee citizens reach an agreement soon he will go ahead and carry out his own policies about the negro personnel at the Veterans' Hospital.

OFFICERS INSTALLED IN WORTH BAGLEY COUNCIL

State Treasurer G. P. Hood installed the following officers of Worth Bagley Council, No. 66, at the Tuesday evening meeting: J. H. Scarborough, J. P. C.; J. E. Corbett, C.; Andrew Sanders, W. C.; Rev. E. F. Sawyer, chaplain; M. R. Pritchard, conductor; J. H. Gard, warden; J. T. West, inside sentinel; L. C. Oneal, outside sentinel; J. W. Alexander, recording secretary; B. S. Sawyer, assistant recording secretary; Kenyon Bailey, financial secretary; W. S. Cartwright, treasurer; J. W. Johnson, W. S. Swain, and J. L. Ball, trustees; J. W. Alexander, B. S. Sawyer, and Rev. E. L. Stack representatives to State Council; R. L. Griffin, J. W. Johnson, and J. H. Gard entertainment committee.

In the debate by four members Tuesday evening the prize was won by J. H. Scarborough. The entertainment committee plans other enjoyable programs for the future.

BEARS AND BLUEBERRIES

Gathering huckleberries in the "Desert" the other day, a man suddenly glanced up and saw two young bear cubs playing joyously with each other like two kittens. He didn't tarry, however, to enjoy the pretty sight, because he figured that Ma Bear and maybe Pa Bear might not be far away.

Huckleberries are plentiful this year and they say that the "Desert," a cut-over timber section of Pasquotank, is just like Sampson County with 'em. They have helped out the menu, too, with peaches exceedingly scarce and apples hardly existing.

The chief trouble in town is getting 'em fresh and unspotted by that typhoid carrier, the fly. One of the doctors passed a grocery store the other day and shoed the flies away from a long row of berries and sighed "Oh, you typhoid."

Typhoid hasn't hit here yet, but like the boll weevil, it is supposed to be coming along about the last of this month or the first of next, if everybody isn't extra careful.

But this story started out to be a bear story and got off the track.

Confesses Attack On Stepmother

Wausau, Wis., July 19.—Mary Lawando, who was found in a swamp near here yesterday, after an eight-day search, confessed today to the sheriff, Arthur Stewart, that she attacked her stepmother on the night of July 19, beating her over the head with a club. The girl, according to the sheriff, said that she had "trouble with the woman."

'T WAS EXPENSIVE JAG FOR DALLAS FREEMAN

One hundred and five dollars and the costs in three cases was what two pop bottles of liquor given to Dallas Freeman cost that young man when before Trial Justice Spence was done with him in the recorder's court Thursday morning. Freeman got \$50 and costs for having liquor for purpose of sale, \$50 and costs for operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor and \$5 and costs for being plain drunk.

Henry Divers, by operating a punch board, invoked a suspended sentence of 30 days in jail placed over him when he was found guilty of the same offense last March. Divers noted an appeal from the judgment of guilty, but having admitted his guilt on the stand it did not appear how he was to gain anything thereby, the court explaining that while he could appeal from the verdict he could not appeal from the sentence which automatically became operative as soon as he was found guilty.

Stanley Meekins was fined \$10 and costs for being drunk and disorderly, the court reconsidering a 30 day jail sentence for contempt of court invited by Meekins' conduct and demeanor on the witness stand.

Winifred Owens, simple drunk, was fined \$5 and costs.

CHOWAN ASSOCIATION W. M. U. AT EDENTON

The annual meeting of the W. M. U. of Chowan Association will open at Edenton Baptist Church Thursday, July 26, with an address by Dr. C. P. Weaver, president of Chowan College, and will continue through Friday, Mrs. W. N. Jones, state president, is on the program and also Miss Eunice McDowell dean of Chowan College.

It is hoped that a large number of members will be present. All who expect to go, whether members or delegates, are asked to notify Mrs. L. D. Bond at Edenton so that she may assign them homes.

Will Await Return President Harding CAPTAIN OF MAINE DIES IN NEW YORK

Final Action Will Not Be Taken Now on Recent Incident in Manila

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, July 19.—Final action in connection with the incident in Manila which resulted in the resignation of the Philippines cabinet and council of state in protest against the policies of Governor General Wood, will await the return of President Harding from his Alaskan trip.

The reports have reached Secretary Weeks from General Wood and from Manuel Quezon setting forth both sides of the controversy.

MRS. CLARENCE BEASLEY OF KITTY HAWK DIES HERE

Mrs. Clarence Beasley, aged 11, of Kitty Hawk, died at the Community Hospital Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock. She is survived by her husband; by her mother, Mrs. Grandy Beasley; and one brother, George Beasley, all of Kitty Hawk.

Mrs. Beasley was taken to the hospital Thursday for an operation for appendicitis. Following the operation, she seemed to be doing well, but later complications set in which resulted in her death.

On Tuesday her husband left her to bring her mother, and when the young woman died the boats were running irregularly and the wires were down, so that on Thursday morning her husband and mother had not arrived and no word could be heard from them. At noon a message came through, asking that the body be sent to Kitty Hawk on the Jones Friday morning.

Middle West Didn't Believe It Was So

When North Carolina Gained Fourth Place for Total Value Improved Crops

Raleigh, July 19.—"When North Carolina gained fourth rank among the United States in total value of improved crops," says a statement issued by the United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture Co-operative Crop Reporting Service, "the Middle Western states refused to believe it, saying that we were not diversified and did not have the acreage. They thought that our crop was almost entirely cotton."

"The report of Frank Parker, agricultural statistician for the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture, issued recently, showed that corn occupied decidedly the largest acreage of any crop and that there was quite a large diversification among which were cow peas, soy beans, peanuts, velvet beans, small grain and other crops especially for hay.

"Soy beans and peanuts have put North Carolina on the map in no small sense. Only a short time ago we produced more soy bean seed than all other states combined and even now have a distinct lead in these. The July report of this year shows that of our acreage, there is planted the following: 47 per cent for seed; 31 per cent for hay and 22 per cent for grazing and turning under.

"The same information showed that 43 per cent is planted alone as solid acreage while 57 per cent is planted with corn and other crops. The practice in the eastern counties is to plant a row of soy beans in the middle between wide planted corn. This permits of a harvesting machine passing through for threshing out the seed. The July crop report indicates two per cent increase compared with last year and the present crop condition is 86 per cent of normal.

"Cow peas at one time made North Carolina famous, but due to the low yields and high costs of harvesting, they are gradually being replaced by soy beans, which are more productive and easier to handle both for seed and hay. It is found that the cow pea acreage is intended principally as follows: 30 per cent for peas, 52 per cent for hay, and 18 per cent for grazing and turning under.

"Current information indicates that the cow pea acreage is reduced some three to six per cent as compared with last year and five to eight per cent compared with the usual. The present condition of the crop is 84 per cent as compared with what it should be if conditions had been altogether favorable.

"There is a reduction of about three per cent as compared with last year in the acreage of peanuts. Seventy-seven per cent of the acreage in North Carolina is found in a few northeastern counties of the State. The condition of the crop is estimated at 86 per cent of a full crop prospect. About 86 per cent of the crop was planted alone and 14 per cent with other crops. Twenty-two per cent of the acreage is estimated to be planted in Spanish or small peanuts. Forty-three per cent in Virginia or large types and 45 per cent in the middle size nuts."

Rear Admiral Siggsbee Rose to Fame Through One of Greatest Naval Disasters in History.

New York, July 19.—Rear Admiral Charles Siggsbee, retired captain of the ill-fated battleship Maine, died suddenly today at his home here.

Rear Admiral Siggsbee rose to fame through one of the greatest naval disasters in American history—the "blowing up of the Maine." He was 52 years old at the time; a captain, a veteran of the Civil War, and an inventor of deep-sea exploring and sounding apparatus.

Captain Siggsbee, commander of the Maine, was ordered to Havana harbor to protect American lives and property during the crisis of the Cuban rebellion against Spain in 1898. As the vessel was on a friendly mission, she was received with the customary courtesies from the forts and Spanish war ships, and the usual official visits. She was assigned to a special anchorage and placed there by the proper agents of the Spanish government.

On the evening of February 15 the big white battleship had been riding quietly at anchor for more than two weeks. Captain Siggsbee went to his cabin shortly after 8 o'clock and wrote a long letter to his wife. By the time he had finished many of the 328 men and 26 officers were asleep. The Captain had just enclosed the letter in an envelope and started to seal it when a deafening roar, sounded through the ship. The great vessel began to list. Groping his way through the dark, Siggsbee reached the deck. A scene of horror greeted him. The Maine was sinking.

"None can ever know," he said later, "the awful scenes of consternation, despair and suffering down in the forward compartments of men wounded, or drowning in the swirling water. It is comforting to believe, and it is probably true, also, that most of those who were lost were killed instantly."

"The tragedy cost the lives of 264 sailors. The news spread over the world in a few hours, but not before the entire American nation was aroused to a pitch of frenzy, believing the Maine had been blown up by hostile Spaniards.

"Suspend Judgment," urged Siggsbee in his first report. His calm wisdom did much to prevent the United States from rushing into war immediately. He accompanied the court of inquiry in its investigation of the wreck, and his expert knowledge helped it to arrive at a decision as to the cause of the disaster.

"The question has been asked many times," said the Admiral years after the tragedy, "whether I believed then that the Maine was blown up from the outside. My answer has been that my first order on reaching the deck was to post sentries to repel boarders."

Admiral Siggsbee added laurels to his fame in the war that soon followed the disaster. As commander of the St. Paul, a trans-Atlantic liner converted into an auxiliary cruiser, he captured the Spanish collier Restormo, carrying coal to Gervera, and thus sealed the fate of the Spanish fleet at Santiago. The cruiser, Isabella II and the destroyer, Terror both hauled down their flags and surrendered to him.

SECTION'S PECAN CROP NOT KILLED BY COLD

Though pecans in the upper part of the State are reported killed by the late frosts of this spring, it is believed that there will be a fair yield in this section.

Frank Scott, largest pecan grower in Pasquotank, does not believe that the cold this year greatly damaged his crop. C. O. Robinson whose Camden County farm yielded between two and three thousand dollars worth of pecans last year, is not so optimistic. He thinks the yield will be light this year, but he is confident that there will be some pecans.

MARKED DECREASE IN EXPORT OF RAW SILK

Tokio, July 19.—There has been a marked decrease this year in the export of raw silk to America due, according to a report of the Board of Agriculture, to increased import duties imposed by America and the appreciation of quotations on the Yokohama market.

There also has been a falling off in the exports to England, owing to the depression in the re-export trade of British silk manufacturers. The same is true of the exports of silk textiles to Australia and the South Sea Islands, but there has been an improvement in the Indian trade, recovery in the exchange market helping the business.

COTTON MARKET

New York July 19.—Spot cotton, closed quiet. Middling 27.35. Futures, closing bid July 26.55, Oct. 23.80, Dec. 23.36, Jan. 23.12, March 23.15.
New York, July 19.—Spot cotton, opened today at the following levels: July 26.68-70, Oct. 23.80-83, Dec. 23.32, Jan. 23.05, March 23.03.