

VIRGINIA BUSINESS MEN SHOW INTEREST IN COASTAL HIGHWAY

Northern Terminus May Be Changed From Wilmington to Norfolk or Richmond.

Influential business men of Virginia are showing an unusual interest in the coastal highway to extend from Wilmington to Jacksonville, Fla., and Louis T. Moore, secretary of the chamber of commerce, has been notified that a delegation from that state will attend the annual meeting of the South Atlantic Coastal Highway association, which convenes in Charleston for a two-day session March 15.

As originally planned, the highway would extend from this city, touching at Charleston, Savannah, Brunswick, terminating at the Florida metropolis. Now, however, there is a likelihood of the northern terminus being changed to originate at a Virginia city, possibly Richmond or Norfolk. A definite conclusion with this regard will be reached at the Charleston meeting.

It is understood that H. A. Lynch, president of the local chamber of commerce, and Highway Commissioner W. A. McGirt, both of whom are members of the Coastal Highway association, are unopposed to the proposed changing of the northern terminus of the great highway from Wilmington to some point in Virginia.

In the same communication announcing the fact that Virginia business men were interesting themselves in the highway, it was also announced that J. M. Whitsett, prominent Charlestonian, would act as chairman of the March meeting of the association, and many are delighted to learn that he has been selected to preside over the convention.

The highway association was formed for the purpose of putting forth every effort to have the highway built along the South Atlantic coast, touching in at all of the important seaports of the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, that northern tourists might make a trip to Florida each winter in automobiles rather than otherwise, the highway route giving them ample opportunity to make stop overs wherever desired.

Mrs. Wright Blake, Prominent Woman, Dies

Following a lingering illness, Mrs. Wright Blake died yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the residence of her son, R. C. Blake, 107 North Eighth street. Mrs. Blake was in the 37th year of her age.

The remains will be taken this afternoon to Burgaw for interment in the family burying ground.

Mrs. Blake was one of the oldest residents of the city of Wilmington. She was born June 7, 1837. For 70 years of her life she was a faithful member of the Baptist church.

Surviving Mrs. Blake are her sons, J. W. Blake, of Sanford; S. G. Blake and A. C. Blake, of Burgaw; J. H. Blake and R. E. Blake, of this city; also a daughter, Mrs. J. T. Batson, of Wilmington.

There are several grandchildren and great-grandchildren who survive.

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Holleman Goes Free Under \$1,000 Bond

Chauncey B. Holleman, star witness in the Dallas murder case, was released under \$1,000 bond yesterday afternoon.

The bond was signed by J. W. Blake, J. C. King and W. N. Harriess.

Holleman, who achieved notoriety when he twice disappeared from the state on the eve of the Dallas trial, occasioning a postponement on both occasions.

He was served with a warrant charging him with contempt of court ten days ago, but gave bond on this count, being returned to jail when the jury disagreed in the Dallas case.

TWO STATE BANKS CLOSED BY EXAMINER

Liberty, of This City, and Bank of Southport, Suspend Operations.

The Liberty bank of this city, and the Bank of Southport, affiliated with the defunct Commercial National bank, were closed yesterday by orders of the corporation commission. Clarence Latham, chief state examiner, is in charge of the Liberty.

A statement issued by officials of the Liberty bank after its closing declared the suspension of business was due to the failure of the Commercial bank, and that employees of the institution are in no way responsible for the affair.

Depositors will be fully protected, the statement adds.

The Liberty bank was organized in 1918. Thomas E. Cooper was president of the institution.

Until the crash of the Commercial bank, the Liberty was supposed to be in a prosperous condition.

Details regarding the closing of the Bank of Southport were not available here last night, although it is understood that depositors will be protected.

Rumors current yesterday that several other banks in this section had been closed were denied in well informed circles.

The Liberty bank was the only Wilmington financial institution affiliated with the Commercial National bank, of which C. L. Williams was recently named receiver by the comptroller of the currency.

MRS. R. H. NORTHROP DIES AT HOME HERE

Funeral Services for Prominent Wilmington Woman Will Be Held Tomorrow.

Mrs. Mary Wright Northrop, wife of R. H. Northrop, died at her home, 510 Dock street, at 7:30 last night following a lingering illness.

Mrs. Northrop was the daughter of Joshua G. and Mrs. Florrie Maffitt Wright, and was connected with some of the most prominent families in North Carolina.

Surviving are her husband, four daughters, Mrs. Florrie Wright Harris, of Charlotte; Miss Sue Cary Northrop, Mrs. Carolyn Read Holland and Miss Elizabeth Beverly Northrop; one son, Thomas Wright Northrop; one sister, Mrs. Carrie W. Van Buren, and one brother, Thomas H. Wright.

Mrs. Northrop was one of the most beloved women of the city, her charming disposition and Christian character endearing her to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. For many years she was a communicant of St. James' Episcopal church.

Funeral services will be held at the late residence, 510 Dock street, Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

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Tide Water to Begin Work On Power Lines to Warsaw Clinton and Other Points

Actual Construction on Right of Way Will Begin Possibly During Next Few Weeks—Current Will Be Furnished For Lights and Operation of Factories.

Authority to proceed at once with the construction of an electric transmission line from Wilmington to Warsaw and Clinton, to furnish electricity for lights and the operation of manufacturing plants was received yesterday from the New York headquarters of A. E. Pitkin and company by F. A. Matthes, executive vice president of the Tide-water Power company of this city, which is controlled by the Pitkin company.

The company has had under consideration for some time the advisability of establishing the power line to these eastern North Carolina towns, and the favorable advice received by Mr. Matthes comes as splendid news not only to Wilmingtonians, but also to the citizens of the many towns north of this city to be served with electricity generated by the local power plant of the Tidewater Power company.

The distance from this city to Warsaw is approximately 55 miles, and from Warsaw to Clinton 13 miles, therefore the total mileage of the transmission line will be approximately 68 miles. Engineers of the Pitkin company have gone over the field completely and following their survey, it was estimated by them that the cost of erecting the line and locating necessary equipment in the towns served will be approximately \$130,000.

Contracts have already been entered into by the Tidewater company and the citizens of Warsaw, Clinton, Faison and Wallace. The power to be served from this city will be of sufficient voltage to not only furnish electricity for lights in the homes, business houses and streets, but will also be sufficient to operate manufacturing plants, including cotton mills. The Tidewater officials are confident that contracts to furnish lights and power to other towns between this city, Warsaw and Clinton will be signed in the near future.

Vice President Matthes of the Tidewater company, said last night, when announcing that authority had been given by the Pitkin company to erect the power line, that the actual construction of the line would possibly be started within two weeks or sooner. Orders for the necessary materials have already been placed, he said. To expedite the work, two forces of men will be employed to clear the right of way. One force will work towards Wilmington from Warsaw, and the other from this city northward. The erection of poles and the line proper will follow the clearing of the right of way as fast as possible.

Vice President Matthes also announces that it will not be necessary to expand the local power plant, as there is already sufficient generating machinery to furnish all the electricity that will be used in the towns along the line for some time to come. However, said Mr. Matthes, if the load becomes too heavy for the plant here to carry, additional generators will be added.

Cyclone Mack's Choir Chief Starts Rehearsals

J. H. Jones, choir director for the well known evangelist, B. F. McLendon, who inaugurates a series of evangelistic services at Calvary Baptist church Sunday, has arrived in the city and held his initial choir rehearsal last night. Mr. Jones was well pleased with the results of the rehearsal, and it is believed that the singing during the services will be unusually good.

The director requests that all persons interested in the singing, and who are willing to aid the evangelist, Cyclone Mack, during the campaign here, meet him at Calvary church Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock.

Alleged Deserter Nabbed By Sheriff

Hollie R. Thomas, alleged to have deserted the 51st headquarters company at Camp Eustis, Va., December 8, was arrested by Sheriff Jackson and deputies on the Castle Hayne road yesterday morning.

He will be turned over to the military authorities at Fort Caswell this morning.

Thomas, according to advices from Camp Eustis, was a private in the headquarters company.

The time is rapidly approaching when the pearl-handled revolver will take the place of the pickle-dish among the bride's presents.—Toledo Blade.

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On leaving here the Modoc spent several days off the North and South Carolina coast in search of the schooner Helvetia, 48 days out of New York. The cutter sighted the disabled craft as she was taking on a pilot off Charleston bar. Services of the cutter not being needed by the schooner, the Modoc proceeded to Savannah, where she remained several days. At the Georgia port several officers underwent examinations for promotion.

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