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INTEREST OF PRESS SAME AS RAILWAYS

DECLARES PRESIDENT
FINLEY TO N. C.
EDITORS.

RAILWAYS AND PRESS ALLIED

Mr. Finley, at Asheville, Discusses Mutual Interests of Press and Railways and Their Aid in Community Development.

Asheville, N. C., July 24.—At the meeting of the North Carolina Press Association in Asheville today President Finley, of the Southern Railway Company, delivered an address on "The Relations of the Press and the Railways and the Value of their Cooperation in Community Development."

Mr. Finley pointed out the natural basis for co-operation between the press and the railways growing out of the substantial identity of their interests in community development and prosperity, bringing to the newspapers additional subscribers and advertising and to the railways increased traffic and making it logical that the press and the railways, in their respective fields, should work in close co-operation for community development. He recognized that, while the newspapers and the railways were thus natural allies in community development, it did not follow that there should not be fair criticism of the railways, and said:

"Fair and just criticism is a proper function of a free press, but criticism of the agencies which provide the transportation facilities of the community should take account of the economic conditions under which these agencies must work and should aim, in respect to a factor so essential to community development, to be helpful and educational rather than being along lines tending to create unreasonable prejudice.

"Personally, I am a great reader of the newspapers. I appreciate at its full value the work they are doing and I recognize in their editors, in many cases, the spokesmen of their communities. I do not ignore what is said in the newspapers relative to our policies. I always take note of newspaper criticism on matters that it may be within our power to remedy and all such matters are given attention so far as it may be practicable to do so."

Referring to the fact that a railway can not win the support of public opinion through the exercise of political influence or in any other way except by the intelligent and effective performance of its functions as a carrier and by its responsiveness to fair criticism, Mr. Finley pointed out that its position can only be secure when the economic conditions surrounding its operation and the importance of its functions to development and to the enlargement of opportunity are appreciated by the people of the community, and that this appreciation was dependent upon enlightened citizenship. He spoke of the moral responsibility of the press in this connection and of its power, by presenting fully and fairly, the economic situation of the railways and the interest of all of the people in their prosperity and efficiency, to bring about that mutual good understanding which is indispensable to effective co-operation.

As, in an economic sense, production is not complete until goods are put in a position for consumption, Mr. Finley spoke of the railways as creators of value and as an indispensable part of the producing equipment of every community and of every farmer and manufacturer in it and said that unjust criticism directed against farmers and manufacturers would be just as logical as against the railways.

Speaking of the right of the railways, just as of any other business enterprise to present their cause, fully and freely, before courts, administrative tribunals, legislatures, and the bar of public opinion, Mr. Finley said: "Enlightened public opinion in the United States will not justify the relegation of the railways to the status of the Jew in England in the Middle Ages, when, as we read in Madox's History of the Exchequer: 'Josce Quarthebuch gave forty marks that his son Hekekin might be dealt with according to justice'; and 'Jurnet of Norwich gave 1,800 marks that he might reside in England with the King's good will.'"

"The railways are asking for no special favors. They ask only that their importance in the development of the country and that the interest which each individual has in their efficiency shall be frankly recognized. They ask that differences which may arise between them and individuals or communities shall be subjects of full and free conference to be adjusted in accordance with sound business principles, or that, failing such adjustment, they shall be adjudicated by the tribunals constituted by law."

Having outlined the condition which he believed to be necessary to the

most effective co-operation between the press and the railways for community development, Mr. Finley expressed the opinion that such co-operation was essential to the fullest development and prosperity of any community because intelligence and transportation were fundamental factors in development, it being the function of the press to disseminate the first and of the railways to provide the second. He outlined the work which the Southern Railway Company is doing to aid in the development of the territory traversed by its lines, expressing the opinion that it could be said, without boastfulness, to be more comprehensive than similar work being done by any other railway organization in the United States. He said:

"In our work for community development it is our policy to co-operate closely with individuals and organizations. That it may have been more effective in some localities than in others has been due largely to local conditions, including the degree of co-operation that we have received. We believe that it has been particularly effective in Western North Carolina where we have participated in the organization and activities of the Greater Western North Carolina Association, the single purpose of which is the development of this part of the State.

We should be very glad to participate in other territorial movements or in a State-wide movement of the same kind, if carried on directly under the auspices of the State or through a responsible organization similar to that in this region.

"In all of the development work that we are doing, we look upon the newspapers of the Southeast as our helpful allies. With very few exceptions we have found them ready, at all times, to publish information relative to our work and to give space in their columns to matter that we have sent them from time to time which we believed might be helpful to their readers. They have very generously given space to the publication of our views on subjects relative to the upbuilding of the Southeast. Many of the newspapers have gone farther than this and have commended our policies editorially."

Suggesting methods in which the press could be of aid in community development, Mr. Finley spoke of the publication of matter that would be helpful to the people already living in the Southeast, emphasizing the importance of farm papers and of devoting space in the daily and weekly papers to information as to the best farm methods. He suggested that each newspaper should be a booster for the Southeast as a whole and for its own particular community, not exaggerating or overstating advantages and opportunities, for the truth about the Southeast was good enough. He suggested that newspaper men acting as correspondents of papers published in other localities should embrace every proper opportunity to incorporate in their news letters and dispatches matter that would serve to attract favorable attention to their communities. Speaking of the exceptional opportunities for community development in the Southeast, Mr. Finley said:

"It is a field in which intelligent directed efforts are sure to bring results. In no State are the opportunities greater than in North Carolina. In no State has progress with in recent years been more rapid. The members of this Association have been among the most effective workers for community development in the past and I know that your efforts will be continued. I wish each one of you the largest measure of success and assure you of the hearty co-operation of the Southern Railway Company in community development."

Good Roads in Durham.
Durham.—The county road force has completed that part of the central highway in Durham county and when Orange county connects with this road leading out of West Durham there will be a good road from this city to Greensboro. One gang of the convict force is now working on the Durham end of the Quebec and Miami road, which is known as the Oxford road. It will take something like three months to get a four-mile gap in this road put into the proper condition for travel.

Held On Serious Charge.
Greensboro.—W. C. Tise, a Winston-Salem business man, and his stenographer, Miss Lillie Tess, are under bonds of \$400 to appear in police court and answer to charges of immorality. Some time ago the woman came to Greensboro and took apartments and to her a child was born. After the birth, man, woman and child left in an automobile. The child was left with a woman in the suburbs of Winston-Salem, where it died. Investigation when a burial certificate was requested furnished the clue.

To Start Drainage Work.
Fayetteville.—The Breatt Engineering & Construction Co. of Wilson has been awarded the contract to do the excavating work in connection with the drainage of the swamp lands of Plea Hill township. The work will be begun as soon as the commissioners of the drainage district sell the bonds. The property will be assessed according to the classification of the lands which will be made before the sale of the bonds. The Brett Company was given the contract at 6.37 cents the cubic yard.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF
THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN
CONDENSED FORM.

WORLD'S NEWS EPITOMIZED

Complete Review of Happenings of
Greatest Interest From All
Parts of World.

Southern.

Sixty barrels of whiskey, shipped from Chattanooga, Tenn., to various persons at Decatur, Ala., were attached by Sheriff R. N. McCullough and locked in the county jail. The sheriff met the steamer carrying the shipment before it had reached the boundaries of Morgan county. As soon as the line was crossed the sheriff made the attachment.

Eighteen charred bodies of convicts were removed from the ruins of the Oakley, Miss., state convict prison fire in which a total of 35 convicts, all negroes, perished. The bodies were found huddled together in the corner farthest from where the fire started. When the alarm was given all possible means of escape for the imprisoned men had been cut off by the flames, but prisoners in another pen were formed in a relief squad and worked desperately to fight back the fire. The thirty-five prisoners had perished in less than an hour after the fire started.

A 17-year-old express wagon driver, Ierschel Pierce, confessed that he stole \$22,000 in currency from the Wells-Fargo company at Lake Charles, La., last November, according to the police. He gained access to the company's money chest at the railroad station there by a key he had secretly obtained and after extorting the package of money, which was consigned to a bank, substituted a package containing only paper.

Mutiny of 26 Chinese on the steamship Comus arriving from New York at New Orleans resulted in a panic among the passengers, the probable fatal shooting of one of the mutineers, the wounding of three others and slight injuries to First Officer M. L. Proctor of the Comus. The general fight occurred on the forward deck of the steamer. Proctor owes his life to the bravery of Mrs. Florence Shaw, a stewardess, who saved him from being thrown overboard by the infuriated Chinese.

General

Sixty convicts in the dregs of the New York criminal class—were taken one by one from their cells in Sing Sing prison and placed aboard a train for the state prison at Auburn. Recent riots in Sing Sing caused the warden to take no chances. Each convict was heavily handcuffed and shackled and then chained to his place in the railroad car which had been brought inside the prison enclosure. A hundred prison guards did this work while in the state armory; not far away a company of naval militia waited.

With six militia companies on duty and other state troops en route, the strike of copper miners settled measurably towards a state of dull routine. Some of the more enthusiastic union members marched through several locations, but there was practically no disorder. The union leaders of Calumet, Mich., hold fast to their attitude demanding recognition of the Western Federation of Miners, but this was not even considered by the company management.

The Vatican at Rome is in a veritable state of siege. This was the outcome of their utiny of Swiss guards, whose demands, in form of a memorial relating their grievances and setting forth the conditions on which they would remain in the service, were rejected. Three leaders in the movement were expelled from the Vatican. Four others left and twelve have requested leave to depart for their homes in October.

Archibold C. Hart, Democrat, was elected to the house from the sixth congressional district of New Jersey to succeed the late James Martin. Hart had the support of President Wilson. The Republican candidate, S. Woods McClave, who was mentioned in the Mulhall testimony before the senate lobby investigators, ran second, and Herbert M. Bailey, progressive, third, the returns are incomplete but indications were that Hart ran ahead of McClave by more than 5,000 votes.

At Binghamton, N. Y., fifty persons were killed, and as many injured, a dozen or more fatally, in a fire which swept the four-story factory building of the Binghamton Clothing company. The victims were chiefly women and girls. Twenty-two bodies have been recovered. In the city hospital and in private institutions are thirty injured.

Half a million dollars as a penalty and the transfer of 21,596 of the 24,500 shares of stock in the Magnolia Petroleum company of Texas state from the individual control of H. C. Foster, Jr., and John D. Archibold to a trust mutually agreed upon was accepted by the state of Texas in settlement of the \$100,000,000 penalty and ouster suit instituted recently by the state attorney general against the Magnolia and Corsicana Petroleum companies of Texas, the Standard Oil companies of New Jersey and New York and 28 individuals. Judge Austin was appointed trustee.

In Chicago true bills, charging complicity in incendiary fires, were voted by the grand jury against Joseph. Fish, wealthy clubman, public fire insurance adjuster, and nine others, two of whom are reported to be women. The action followed the testimony of Mrs. Fannie Korshak, whose husband is a fugitive from justice in connection with indictments previously returned by the grand jury as a result of its investigation of the alleged "arson trust."

The London Pekin correspondent of The Daily Telegraph sends the following dispatch: "The declaration of martial law here shows that the northern government admits its desperate position. This synchronizes with the creation of a complete confederate government at Nanking. Parliament has not yet been dissolved, but it is unlikely that it will survive. The war news is baffling, but foreign military experts now believe the southerners are in far greater strength than has been supposed."

The European concert is faced by a most delicate and difficult situation, requiring the exercise of the utmost diplomatic tact, if Europe is not to be plunged into a general war by the Turkish reoccupation of Adrianople and Kirk Killiseh. Burgarta, helpless, sees the fruits of her deadly war victories snatched from her hand, and, while negotiation for an armistice are proceeding in a leisurely manner at Nish, the Greeks and Servians continue to push their advantage.

The mystery of the bomb sent to Andrew Carnegie in care of the secretary of the Carnegie corporation was solved in New York. It was a juicy cheese inclosed in a small-proof case of zinc, a Scotch cheese, according to an expert called into conference after the bureau had definitely determined that the bomb contained neither nitroglycerine, dynamite or other deadly explosives. On a vacant lot officials of the bureau of combustibles fired four bullets from a safe distance through the box before they opened it.

Washington

Representative Clark of Florida introduced a concurrent resolution reaffirming the Monroe doctrine. It was directed particularly against "people with whom the Caucasian cannot and will not assimilate." The resolution was referred to the foreign affairs committee.

Postmaster General Burleson appeared before the senate committee on postoffice and post roads to explain new regulations in the parcel post service to become effective August 15. He indicated that the service will ultimately be extended to handle 100-pound packages as demanded by various parcel post experts in congress.

The first payment of \$250,000 to Panama for the annual rental of the canal zone has been made. The installment was actually due last February, though it was deferred for determination whether it should go to Panama or the parent state, Colombia. The money was paid to a representative of William Nelson Cromwell of New York, agent for the Panama government.

Secretary Houston announced that hereafter the department of agriculture would send a weekly letter to its 35,000 townships and 2,800 county correspondents of the department, giving the latest agricultural information of value to the farmer. The letters will treat of crop conditions and prices, the discovery of new plant or animal pests, pure food decisions and those which affect users of irrigated lands and the national forests and any other work of the department which can benefit the farmer.

At Washington President Wilson has determined that no faction in the present Mexican revolution shall obtain arms or ammunition from the United States and that neutrality must be observed in its strictest sense. This was the interpretation of the neutrality laws decided upon by the president after conferences with Senator Bacon and Representative Flood, chairman of the two congressional committees on foreign relations.

The U. S. gunboat Wheeling was ordered to Frontera, Tabasco state, Mexico, where revolutionary activity has endangered the lives and property of Americans. She sailed from Key West. The gunboat has 150 bluejackets, but no marines.

Concerted opposition has developed in congress to Postmaster General Burleson's order regarding parcel post rates and increasing the maximum size of packages to be handled in the service. The order was issued to become effective August 15, and the senate postoffice committee requested Mr. Burleson to appear before the committee with an explanation for the authority for his action. This was the first step in what promises to be a bitter contest.

President Wilson ended a lot of speculation by sending to the senate the name of Joseph S. Davis of Albany, Georgia, as marshal for the southern district of Georgia. Ever since Senator Bacon announced the selection of Mr. Davis for this place there had been very positive predictions that he would never be accepted by the department of justice or the president.

Federal experts estimate that a loss of almost \$100,000,000 a year to cotton growers in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and Florida would result from the adoption of the plan proposed recently by Senator Smith of South Carolina, which contemplated the establishment of a belt in which the growth of cotton should be prohibited by law, in an effort to keep the cotton boll weevil from spreading eastward into the Atlantic coast states. This conclusion has been reached by the department of agriculture, based on provision for the elimination of a strip about 100 miles.

STATE BANKS ARE SHOWING UP WELL

THE LAST REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COMMISSION IS
NOW OUT.

MAKE VERY GOOD SHOWING

Million in Capital Paid in and An Increase in Nearly All Items of Banking—There Are Four Hundred Banks in State.

Raleigh.—The corporation commission has issued its latest bank statement which shows 400 state banks, including 16 branches, disclosing a gain of \$9,332,039.91 in loans and discounts and \$11,525,102.47 in total resources.

The figures June 4, 1912, showed total resources amounting to \$71,144,154.23, June 4, 1913, they had gone to \$82,642,067.29. The greatest increase is in loans and discounts, the only decrease being in the amount of state bonds held. There was a dropping off in overdrafts of \$10,569.47, a decrease that is an increase.

The capital stock paid in amounts to \$10,826,968.52 for June 4, 1913, as against \$9,935,709.96 for June, 1912. This is a gain of \$873,258.56. The surplus fund is increased by \$469,102.37 and the undivided profits by \$410,154.17. There is a large gain in time certificates of \$1,579,242.34.

The savings deposits are better still. Last year when the commission closed its report the saving deposits amounted to \$10,571,650.36. At the end of the year, June 4, 1913, they amounted to \$12,617,106.53. This is a gain of \$2,045,456.17.

These are healthy signs. In that connection it is to be remembered that since the June report of 1912, the corporation commission has lost 20 banks by its activities in prosecuting the State Trust Company's plan of instituting banks. Three such banks had been organized and all have been closed. Fifteen more had been contemplated, perhaps twenty were in mind. It is hardly probable that their paid-up capital would have been more than a million, certainly their "paid-in" amounts would not have been a munificent amount unless they succeeded in having discounted the paper of their victims.

There have been two small failures since the June report of 1912, but these have been made good and the use of the banks have been made by the people generally shows how they grow in public confidence.

Many Teachers To Attend.

Scores of teachers in the county schools will attend the Mecklenburg County Institute, which will be conducted at Davidson College, August 10 to 23. Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, professor of education in Wake Forest College, will have the courses in education and pedagogy, besides a class in English. Miss Mary Owen Graham, assistant county superintendent, will teach classes in primary and elementary school methods.

To Be Located at Fayetteville.

The commission for the location and erection of the North Carolina Home for wives and widows of Confederate veterans in session at Raleigh selected Fayetteville as the location and will determine upon one of the three sites offered there within the next few days. The Fayetteville offer was \$3,000 in cash and the choice of three locations. The state appropriates \$10,000. The only other bid was from Durham.

Politics in Franklin County.

The political pot is beginning to simmer a little in this county over the election of a representative to the extra session of the legislature, recently called by the governor. Hon. James A. Turner, Franklin's representative resigned some time ago, having been elected mayor of Louisville and so it becomes necessary to elect his successor.

Officers Capture Illicit Still.

Situated in a spot where only by accident it would be discovered, the still operated until recently by George Jones, the notorious moonshiner who was arrested after openly carrying a load of whiskey into the town of Pink Hill and is now in jail in Winston, has been located in Jones county near the Lenoir line. Men who worked in the neighboring woods reported its location to the sheriff here. Other advice received was that just before being arrested Jones had moved his still into this county.

Protest Game Law Regulations.

Accompanied by the two North Carolina senators, John M. Morehead of Spray, T. M. Washington of Wilson and W. P. Anderson of Wilson called at the department of agriculture to protest against the game law regulations. They learned that a special exception had been made in the case of North Carolina and were assured that the protest would be given consideration. Representative Stedman ended one of the most spectacular postoffice fights by selecting James T. Dick as postmaster at Mebane.

TO HOLD MUNICIPAL MEETING

Gathering at Wrightsville Beach Will Recommend Changes in Laws So as to Secure Justice.

Charlotte.—One of the most interesting of the many conventions of the Summer will be that of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, which will be held at Wrightsville Beach August 14, 15, and 16.

Attention will be attracted by the deliberations and recommendations of the legislative committee, which will devise amendments to the constitution devised to secure a more adequate measure of justice for the cities and towns which have sprung into existence since the days when the Constitution was written, when seemingly "the fathers of the Commonwealth" did not expect that they would arise. This committee is composed of Messrs. T. McNeill of Fayetteville; J. A. Wellons of Smithfield; T. M. Pittman of Henderson and James T. Johnson of Raleigh.

Following are the officers of the association: President, Charles A. Bland, mayor of Charlotte; first vice president, O. P. Dickinson, mayor of Wilson; second vice president, H. L. Perrin, mayor of Henderson; third vice president, J. E. Rankin, mayor of Asheville; fourth vice president, J. D. Smith, mayor of Wilmington; fifth vice president, R. L. Dalton, mayor of Winston; secretary and treasurer, O. P. Shell of Fayetteville.

Executive committee: C. A. Bland, Charlotte; F. N. Tate, High Point; J. E. Rankin, Asheville; O. B. Eaton, Winston-Salem; T. J. Murphy, Greensboro; John Underwood, Fayetteville; J. A. Wellons, Smithfield, and O. P. Shell, Dunn.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

Three charters for new concerns in North Carolina were filed for record in the office of secretary of state. The Chronicle Publishing Company of Concord, Cabarrus county, is a new firm granted a charter to publish a newspaper and conduct a general job printing business. The firm's authorized capital is \$10,000, with \$1,750 subscribed by J. F. Honeycutt, H. S. Williams, J. M. Burrage and W. B. Moore of Concord. The Electrical Amusement Company, of Durham, is a new concern privileged to conduct a moving picture show; authorized capital \$25,000, with \$700 subscribed by N. Underwood, R. B. Suitt and W. R. Lyon of Durham. For the purpose of disseminating learning in the branches of industrial and agricultural arts, the Whittier Collegiate and Agricultural Institute, of Whittier, has been granted a charter. The incorporators are: Wm. R. Truitt, F. McLean and J. L. Hindrow of Whittier.

Premium List of State Fair.

Full information, concise in form and carefully arranged, the book containing the premium list and regulations of the fifty-third Great State Fair of North Carolina has been issued and is being sent out. All who desire a copy should write at once to Col. Joseph E. Pogue, the secretary at Raleigh. The premium list sets forth the many premiums and prizes which are to be awarded, and it should be in the hands of all who think of making exhibits. In fact, the premiums offered are so liberal that those who read the list will be induced to compete for them.

Good Small Grain Crop in Durham.

The recent harvest of the small grain crops in Durham has been an agreeable surprise to the farmers, who had looked for an unusual yield. However, the crops have turned out even better than had been expected. It has been the biggest yield that Durham county farmers have ever had, and the big yield has been uniform in all sections of the county. The growing crops are also looking pretty good. The recent rains have helped, though the farmers say they still need rain, as the ground in this county has not been thoroughly wet for a long time.

Governor Issues Requisition.

Governor Craig issued a requisition on the governor of Virginia for Tom Cooper, now in jail at Lynchburg, who is wanted in Alamance county on a charge of stealing a cow.

Government Wants Land.

Nearly one thousand acres of land are involved in a proceeding brought by the government for the purpose of quieting title and getting possession of the same for forest preserve in Swain county. The government has contracted to buy the land and make it a part of the Appalachian forest reserve and the proceeding is brought to litigate claims and contingent interests so that the title will be absolutely beyond dispute before it passes. The secretary of agriculture has recommended the purchase.

Near Fatal Automobile Accident.

A near fatal automobile accident which occurred over in Halifax county in which one lady was almost killed. Jerry Jenkins, his wife, little child, and Mrs. Howard, were on their way to Panacea Springs. The machine was traveling at a gait of twenty-five of thirty miles an hour, and over what is said to be one of the very best roads in that part of the state. Just as they rounded a sharp curve they struck a tree about ten inches in diameter which had blown over into the road.

LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

Latest News of General Interest That Has Been Collected From Many Towns and Counties.

Asheville.—The management of the Western North Carolina fair is hopeful that it will be able to secure Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels for an address here during the annual fair.

Washington.—Louis Phelp, of Roper, Washington county, jumped off a Norfolk Southern passenger train while it was crossing the long bridge over Albemarle sound, and was drowned.

Newton.—A horse show will be held at St. James school house Monday, August 4, in connection with the farmers' institute. The Shuford National Bank of Newton offers \$50 in gold to be divided up into smaller prizes.

Vaughan.—Isaac Piland died several days ago as the result of being shot at his home here recently. Littleton Bright is alleged to have done the shooting that ended Piland's life. Both men lived here.

Statesville.—During a thunderstorm which passed over Concord township the barn on the Cottrell place was struck by lightning and burned. The farm is occupied by Ives McLelland, a colored farmer, who lost his mule, harness and grain crop in the flames.

Asheville.—At the annual meeting of the board of trade which was held recently more than 200 members of the organization heard the reports of the various committees regarding the work of the organization during the year.

Spencer.—Alek Irving, colored, who shot up Spencer during the week of a carnival here a month ago and who was captured at Greenville, S. C., soon afterwards, was brought back for trial recently by Sheriff McKenzie. He will be tried in Rowan county before Judge Klutz.

Durham.—Eight citizens of Russia have made applications for naturalization papers from the Superior courts of Durham county, and have filed these applications with the clerk of the court and published their intention of asking for the rights of citizenship in the public places of the town.

Washington.—President Wilson sent these nominations of North Carolina postmasters to the senate: L. T. Sumner, Aoshkie; Daniel L. Windley, Belhaven; A. C. Link, Hickory; D. Earl Best; Warsaw; John F. Saunders, Troy. There was no opposition to any of them and their confirmation is expected at an early date.

Goldsboro.—Including work now in progress and authorized, investments in Goldsboro during the past year have been \$265,000 additional banking capital, \$118,000 in 44 new residences, \$100,000 in new business blocks, \$150,000 in public buildings, \$150,000 in public utilities, \$100,000 in good roads and \$75,000 in manufactures.

Charlotte.—The county recently put to work on the Statesville-Davidson highway at the Cabarrus line a force of workmen who will grade that highway in preparation for laying a sand clay road upon that stretch from the Cabarrus line to Davidson which will first be graded and then that between Davidson and Huntersville will be begun.

Asheville.—The Asheville Motor Club will ask Governor Craig to put a force of convicts to work on the road in Madison county which forms a portion of the Central Highway of North Carolina. The organization feels that the state is badly in need of an outlet for automobiles to Knoxville and other points north of here, and it is felt that the improvement of the Madison link of the Central Highway will mean much to this state in many ways.

Charlotte.—Much interest centres in the coming here of the state corporation commission on August 1st, to hear first-hand the wishes of the Charlotte people in regard to the union passenger station. The commission will hold its session at the court house on Friday morning, of that date and it is expected that besides the attorneys representing the railroads and the advocates of the union station, that there will be a good attendance of citizens who are interested in the matter.

Fayetteville.—Entering a room where two Hoke county boys were sleeping in one bed, a bolt of lightning killed Newton McFadden at his father's home, near Sandy Grove church. George Langston, his bedfellow was unharmed. The house was partly wrecked.

Dunn.—A negro named Jim Lewis was killed at Tighman's lumber camp in Sampson county several days ago by Willie Gray, another negro. The dead negro had over \$300 on his person when found. It is thought that he had won the money gambling. Willie Gray has not been captured.

Belhaven.—Tom Mason was sentenced by Recorder J. A. Leigh to the county roads for six months for retailing to lads. It is said he had for some time kept some of the small boys in the neighborhood drunk a good portion of the time.

Asheville.—Following orders from the department at Washington, the local postoffice authorities during the month of June kept a record of the work of the rural carriers out of Asheville. All matter delivered and collected by them was counted and weighed, the pieces counted and the postage ascertained.