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HOWAN BRIDGE 905 FEET LONG

Structure Costing \$600,000 Will Be Mile and Half In Length

Elizabeth City — Construction completed by the chamber of commerce on the \$600,000 Howan bridge, fast approaching completion near Edenton, and designed to complete the reclamation of the "Provinces of the Northeast," which was begun a few years ago by the building of the Winton bridge, some twenty-five miles farther north, embodies much that is interesting. The bridge proper is to be 7,905 feet long, or a fraction more than a mile and a half—one and one-tenth of a mile, to be exact. It will have a clearance of seven feet above the average tide level. The bridge spans are twenty feet apart, with three piling in a row supporting each span. The piles are concrete, ribbed with steel, and are in length from 28 to 74 feet, depending upon the varying depth of the Chowan River. In all, 1,186 piles are being used.

Crosoted Timbers.
Crosoted timber of a type known to last for at least half a century under conditions paralleled elsewhere, will be used for the superstructure of the bridge. It will have an 18-foot span, surfaced with Kentucky asphalt.

An electrically operated steel and concrete draw of the 200-foot opening type will enable water to pass through the bridge. The draw will have an auxiliary operated by hand in the event of breakdown of the electrical mechanism.

The bridge is declared to be the best structure of its kind in the United States built across fresh water.

Present indications point to the completion of the bridge by June and preparations have been begun for a great celebration at its final dedication, at which the guests are to include Governor McLean, Chairman Frank McLean, of the State Highway Commission, and many other North Carolina and Virginia officials. The dedication probably will be held at Edenton, the largest town in the vicinity of the bridge. Mayor J. L. Edenton, of Edenton, is chairman of the general committee in charge of the preparations.

Saving in Distance.

An idea of the saving in distance effected through construction of the bridge may be gained from the fact that a late official map issued by the State Highway Commission gives the distance from Edenton, county seat of Bertie, as 100 miles, presumably via the Winton bridge. When the Howan bridge is finished, the distance will be about twenty miles. The same applies to points south and west of Edenton.

Thousands are expected to attend the celebrations, many of whom will view for the first time Edenton's many points of historic interest. Edenton was capital of the colony of North Carolina from 1766 to 1776, and many of the royal governors and other notables of the Revolutionary period are buried here. Numerous excellently preserved specimens of Colonial architecture are to be seen in and near Edenton.

SENIOR PLAY A SUCCESS.

The play given Saturday evening by the senior class of Pittsboro school was well performed and proved quite a treat to those present. There were three scenes, the first representing a senior party, the second a class picnic; the third a reunion four years after graduation. The very nature of the play was conducive to naturalness on the part of the participants, thus lent itself to the success of the occasion.

Venerable Chatham Veteran Dies

Mr. Noah Cheek Succumbs At Goldston Home

Mr. Noah Cheek was born January 4, 1848, and died Friday, April 15, 1927, at his home in Goldston, after having been confined to his home for several months, having been helpless in his lower limbs for quite a while. He was buried in the Methodist cemetery at Goldston at ten-thirty a. m., Sunday, April 17, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Chaffin, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. Mr. Moss, pastor of the Chapel Hill Presbyterian church. The body was prepared for burial by the children of the deceased and the entire burial was carried out by them. The pallbearers were: Joseph, James, Troy, John K., Samuel and Hurley Cheek, sons of the deceased.

Mr. Cheek was a remarkable man in many ways. He was a son of the late Sheriff John and Nancy Jane (Dewd) Cheek. In 1867, at the age of nineteen he was first married to Miss Wincy Ann Smith, a daughter of Connor Smith. This union was blessed with twelve children: Ella, (Mrs. Thomas D. Brooks, deceased); Joseph R., Nancy Jane, (Mrs. Luther Womble), Mollie Ann, (Mrs. M. L. Phillips), William B., Della Elizabeth, (Mrs. J. L. Jordan), Wincy (died in infancy), Lydia, (Mrs. George E. Rives), Noah Richardson, (died Oct. 3, 1906), Maggie (died in infancy), June Carl (died at seven months old), and James C. Cheek, Mrs. Wincy A. Cheek died March 8, 1892. In July, 1894, Mr. Cheek was married to Miss Mattie Moffitt. This union was blessed with nine children: Troy M., Annie Alma (died when one month old), Annie Lois, Irma Mae, Mattie Gayle, John K., Hurley, Samuel and Vernon Cheek. Surviving are the widow, seven of the children by the first marriage and eight of the nine children by the last marriage, and also thirty-nine grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. All these were present at the funeral Sunday.

Mr. Cheek had been a member of Bear Creek Baptist church for upward of sixty years, having never moved his membership during all the years since he first joined just after the close of the Civil War. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted when sixteen years of age and served until the close of the struggle. He followed the trade of a blacksmith all his life, but was interested in many other activities. After the war he operated one of the first cotton gins to be operated in Chatham county, the machine being a hand-fed one. He also operated one of the earliest steam sawmills to use a circular saw. He was for some time a country merchant and all through the years was one of the most successful farmers of Chatham county.

Mr. Cheek was a splendid specimen of physical manhood. Even in his last days he carried the bloom of youth in his features and until he lost the use of his limbs he had the sprightliness of youth in his movements. He was a useful citizen, a good husband and father and a dependable neighbor and faithful friend to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He will be missed, not only in Goldston, where he made his home, but throughout most of Chatham county, as he was widely known and held the love and esteem of the people throughout the county. To these who feel keenly this dispensation of divine Providence the writer would say that his more than three-score years of church loyalty and Christian devotion make his a commendable and exemplary life and leave his friends no need to sorrow though they must feel grieved at this loss.

GROVER C. PHILLIPS.
Bear Creek, N. C., April 18, 1927.

Determination in a friend may look like bull-headedness in an enemy, and self-respect in a friend may appear as conceit in one not so loved.

BOY KILLED IN CAR CRASH

Three Others Seriously Injured In Fatal Wreck In Greensboro

One man was killed and two men and a woman seriously injured when two small automobiles, each carrying three passengers, were wrecked in a collision about eight o'clock last night at Walker avenue and Elam avenue.

Paul Lackey, 20, of Statesville, was instantly killed when his head was crushed by the overturning of the car he was in. The injured, all of whom probably suffered internal injuries, were Miss Blue Smith, and John Modlin, both of Jamestown, and John Slack, of Oakdale.

Russell Kennedy, of Statesville, driver of one car, escaped injury, and R. V. Brawley, of Statesville, suffered slight cuts about the head. He was treated at Patterson's store near the scene of the wreck. Lackey and the three seriously injured were removed to Clinic hospital. The injured regained consciousness while on operating tables.

The extent of the injuries could not be determined at a late hour last night as hospital officials were busy examining and operating on the injured.

According to Kennedy, he was driving his Ford coupe east on Walker avenue and the Ford roadster, said to have been driven by Modlin, was traveling north on Elam avenue.

The cars met with a terrific impact, according to witnesses who heard the crash and rushed to the scene. The coupe was turned completely around and forced upon the sidewalk where it overturned. Kennedy said the door next to Lackey crashed in and after he crawled out he saw the machine was laying on top of Lackey.

With the aid of W. W. Williams, of 207 Northridge, and his son, W. W. Williams, Jr., Kennedy raised the machine clear of Lackey. Brawley who had been sitting between the two men fell from the car as it was raised. Flying glass slightly cut him about the head.

The occupants of the roadster were all knocked unconscious and were in this state when carried to the hospital. — Greensboro Daily News.

CHATHAM SASH AND DOOR COMPANY'S PLANT BURNED

Largest Fire Siler City Has Had Since One of 1924.

Siler City, April 22—The fire which destroyed the boiler and shaving building of the Chatham Sash and Door company's plant here last night was the biggest fire Siler city has experienced since the burning of the Oval Oak washboard and broom plant in October, 1924.

The fire had made considerable headway before its discovery by Walter Kemp, colored, truck driver for the plant, who discovered the blaze about eleven o'clock as he was putting the truck in its shed. He gave the alarm and a shrill whistle at the plant was turned on to arouse the sleeping community, which quickly organized a bucket brigade.

The fire department put chemicals on the blaze but was greatly handicapped in getting water as the nearest hydrant was several blocks away and the thousand feet of fire hose was too short to reach. A length of garden hose was used in putting a small stream on the blaze, while about 50 men and boys formed a bucket relay from the fire to a nearby cistern.—Durham Herald.

Rather Heavy Diet
Sweet Young Thing—Why are you running that steam roller over that field?
Farmer—I'm going to grow mashed potatoes this year.—Answers, London.

Pigs properly fed at the blackland Branch Station gained 2.25 pounds per pig per day.

Eight Injured In A. C. L. Wreck

Engine, Tender, and Several Cars Turn Over at Bowden and Go In Ditch

From News and Observer.
Six members of the train crew and two negro passengers were injured tonight when Atlantic Coast Line passenger train No. 42 northbound was derailed at Bowden, about four miles north of Warsaw Sunday night.

The injured are:
D. Southerland, express messenger, Willard, N. C., badly injured.

W. G. Horne, Rocky Mount, engineer, slightly scalded about face.

C. F. Johnson, Wilmington, baggage master, back and left arm slightly injured.

Bill Hudson, Rocky Mount, fireman of 42, slightly scalded on both legs.

Sammie Simpson, negro helper, left leg badly sprained.

J. E. Brock and C. E. Reeves, of Warsaw, mail clerks, slightly injured.

Harry Jones, Mount Olive, negro passenger, slightly hurt.

Alice Hyer, Wilmington, negro passenger, slightly hurt.

The engine, tender, mail and express cars turned over in a ditch and the diner was derailed. Three pullmans were not derailed.

Atlantic Coast Line official car number 303, occupied by James Menzies, freight traffic manager, remained on the tracks.

The wreck occurred shortly after nine o'clock. Bowden is not a stop for train No. 42 and the regular speed for first class trains on this line is 50 miles per hour. Railroad attaches expressed the opinion that the train was traveling at approximately that speed when derailed.

Mrs. Thomas Given Big Birthday Dinner

A birthday dinner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Thomas in Hadley township near Brown's Chapel Methodist church on Easter Sunday when all of the children, the grandchildren and many relatives and friends gathered at the home for the joyful occasion. A table about forty feet in length was arranged on the lawn of the Thomas home and the splendid dinner was spread on the table, filling it from end to end.

When the large crowd of about one hundred persons had gathered around the table pictures were made of the scene. The prayer of thanks was offered by Rev. C. B. Way, of Lexington, a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, after which everyone partook of the beautiful dinner. The occasion was the celebration of the fifty-third birthday of Mrs. Thomas. It had been arranged by the sons and daughters and was a complete surprise to Mrs. Thomas, she not being aware of what was happening until Sunday morning when the crowd of relatives and friends began to arrive at the home.

The following relatives and friends were present and enjoyed the dinner:

Mr. Wyatt Lineberry and family, of near Staley; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Poe and Mrs. Numer Brower and children, all of near Liberty; Messrs. Ernest and Will Richardson, of Siler City; Mr. Clayton Richardson, of Greensboro; Rev. C. B. Way and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Moton Lenord, of Lexington; Mr. C. I. Hargrove and family, Mr. Carl Thomas and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hargrove, Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Thomas and son, James, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hargrove and daughter, Erma Dell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Thomas and son, Bernice, Mr. and Mrs. Bun Fowler and daughter, Miss Adelle, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson and son, Clyde, Jr., Mr. J. W. Bailey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lineberry and daughter, Eva, Misses Alice Poe, Vesta Kirkman and Josie Thomas, and Mr. Dean Poe, all of Burlington.

The only way to show a fellow he has chosen the wrong business is to let him try it.

GIRL FIFTEEN SHOOTS SISTER

Coroner Brooks Called to Goldston Neighborhood To Hold Inquest

Pauline Palmer, colored, shot and killed her sister Mozell, aged 25, last Saturday at their home near Goldston.

Coroner George H. Brooks was called to the scene and held an inquest, when it developed that the shooting had grown out of resentment on the part of the younger girl aroused by what she took for the bossiness of the elder, or from some small aggravation.

The girl claimed that she did not know the gun was loaded, but her father, Henry Palmer, a respected colored citizen, says that he left the gun unloaded and shells above the door. A smaller girl who witnessed the shooting, examined separately from her father, said that Pauline got the shell from over the door.

Pauline was held for the grand jury under a \$500.00 bond.

DROWNS IN HIS HOME

Trapped in His Home By Worst Flood in County

Jefferson, N. C., April 22.—C. F. Seagraves, former treasurer of Ashe county, is dead and heavy damage to crops and homes is reported as the result of one of the worst floods in the history of the country, along Grassy and Holton creeks.

Mr. Seagraves, one of the best known citizens of the county was old and helpless from disease and was trapped in his home by rising waters. Mrs. Seagraves, also elderly and in poor health was rescued through a second story window by a hired man.

STIRING APPEAL FROM MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR

New Orleans, April 22—A stirring appeal for aid was made tonight by Governor Dennis Murphy at Jackson, Miss., over the telephone to the Times-Picayune here.

"For God's sake, send all the skiffs and motor boats you can to Vicksburg immediately," the Governor said. His voice was broken by the emotional strain.

"Tonight we are making an effort to get everybody out of Greenville," he continued. "There is a great flood area there from which thousands of persons must be rescued and this rescue can be made only by boat. For God's sake send us boats."

SCHOLAR, NOT BANKER IS STATE'S KEY MAN

Raleigh, April 22—In guiding North Carolina through all of its problems the scholar must have freedom, not under bondage of ignorance, prejudice or system, Dr. W. C. Jackson, vice president of the North Carolina College for Women, said today.

He spoke at the second annual scholarship day at State college. It is not the banker who is the key man of the state but the thinker and the scholar who is working out the problems, he said.

PICNIC AND PLAY AT UPPER BURKE SCHOOL

There will be a picnic at Upper Burke school house next Saturday afternoon. A baseball game will feature the occasion. That evening a play, "The Little Clodhopper," will be given. Admission 15 and 25 cents. The proceeds go to benefit of Rieves' Chapel church. String music will be a feature of the evening. Everybody invited.

Musical Class Gives Recital.

Mrs. Bynum's musical class gave an enjoyable recital Friday evening. The work of the pupils indicated real work on the part of both teacher and pupils.

Cotton Negroes Cause Disturbance

Jim and Sim Cotten Bound Over to Court On Charge of Assault And Resisting Officer

Henry Ellington got a slight gash on his face and two holes cut in his clothing Sunday afternoon as the result of a clash with Jim and Sim Cotten, father and son, at the Durham filling station near Bynum, Jim Cotten has a bruised head from blows given by Officer Emory Thomas when he resisted arrest by the officer.

Monday morning saw a crowd of Bynum folks here to testify in the case or as mere spectators. But the hearing before 'Squire Blair indicated that the affair was not so serious as the size of the crowd would suggest. The two negroes bear good characters, but seem to have been under the influence of bad liquor, which turned them into regular wildcats.

The negroes drove up to the filling station when Ellington's car had just been served, and Clyde Stout told them not to drive so near. That oath roused the ire of the negroes and they offered to clean out the whole bunch of white men, and after other words set about their expressed purpose, though Jim seemed at first to desire to stop the racket. Later he was in the racket, fighting Mr. Ellington, when Sim reached over his father's shoulder, according to the evidence of one witness, and cut Mr. Ellington. Stones and other things were thrown during the melee, and the negroes claim to have been hit, the one on the back the other in the breast.

Officer Emory Thompson came up a few moments after the racket and asked for his knife. The father is alleged to have told him to give the officer "hell instead of the knife." Mr. Thomas then told them to consider themselves under arrest on the charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Officers A. J. Johnson came up about that time, and took charge of Jim. All four men got into Mr. Thomas' car and started to Pittsboro. Jim was still insolent to the officer, but the men were lodged in jail without further trouble.

Attorney A. C. Ray appeared for the two men at the hearing Monday morning before 'Squire Blair. The hearing resulted in the binding over to court of both, Jim under a \$200 bond and Sim under a \$400 one.

Mr. Ellington seemed to bear no malice against the negroes and asked the court to make it as light on them as possible. Several said that there is no better negro than Jim Cotten, and that he has never been in trouble before. The additional charge of driving a car while intoxicated rests against Sim.

MESDAMES GUNTER AND BRYAN ENTERTAIN

Mesdames H. D. Gunter and Clinton Bryan were joint hostesses to one of the prettiest of the Easter season parties Thursday afternoon from three to six o'clock and that evening from eight to eleven o'clock.

The living room and the dining room were thrown en suite and were charmingly decorated with quantities of spring flowers. Three tables were made up for rook, two for bridge in the afternoon and in the evening four for bridge.

The color of lavender and yellow, suggestive of the Easter season, was carried out in the descriptions, favors, etc.

The hostesses served a delicious salad course, of chicken salad, beaten biscuits, cheese straws, sandwiches, pickles, and coffee.

A FINE SERMON

The sermon preached before the graduating class of the Pittsboro high school Sunday morning by Rev. Dr. Maddy was one of the best heard here in many a day. Dr. Maddy distinguished between making a living and a life, and set forth ideals of life in such a way as almost necessarily to have a fine effect upon the young people of his large audience.

TOWN MEETING NAMES FARRELL

E. A. Farrell Nominated For Mayor; Newton Moore Only New Man on Council

In response to call of town council for a meeting of citizens last Thursday night to nominate town officers to be elected on May 3, quite a number of citizens assembled in the court house and nominated E. A. Farrell for Mayor, to succeed A. C. Ray, who declined to be a candidate again. The following gentlemen were nominated for commissioners: T. N. Hackney, S. D. Johnson, Fred Nooe, G. J. Griffin, and Newton Moore. The first four succeeded themselves. Mr. Moore is chosen for the vacancy created by the resignation of Dal L. Bell after his election as representative.

Wade Barber acted as chairman of the meeting and W. L. Farrell as secretary.

MEETING OF U. D. C.

The Winnie Davis Chapter of the U. D. C., met April 16 at the home of Mrs. G. W. Blair. Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Bruce Poe were joint hostesses. After the singing of Dixie and the repeating of the Lord's prayer, Miss Evelyn Alston read a number of letters from old veterans, thanking the chapter for Christmas boxes; also an account of the district meeting in Raleigh.

Mrs. Hunt, reporting for the relief committee, stated that fruit had been sent to a number of sick Daughters and one veteran.

It was decided that in case of the sick members at home fruit should be sent, but when one goes to the hospital flowers should be the mark of sympathy.

At this meeting plans were discussed and committees appointed for memorial day, May 10. Each daughter was requested to make three wreaths for the veterans' graves.

Mrs. London announced that Senator W. B. Horton, of Yanceyville, author of the recent pension bill, would deliver the Memorial Day address here, subject The Junior Reserves.

After the business was completed there was a short review of the services of the Junior Reserves at Fort Fisher, Avasboro, and Bentonville, and the same subject was continued for the next meeting.

Ice cream and cake were served by the hostesses.

ATTENTION, VETERANS

It is the purpose of the Daughters of the Confederacy to provide the usual Memorial day dinner for all the veterans who come. Last year dinner was provided for a large number while a very few came. Accordingly, it is desirable that the ladies know how many to prepare for. Drop a card to Mrs. H. A. London if you intend to come and tell her so. Senator W. B. Horton of Caswell county will be the speaker that day, and he is the man who made such a great fight for increased pensions for you. Come hear him speak, and meet your old comrades.

RECEIVING APPARATUS ENLARGES PHOTOGRAPHS

New York, April 22—A new radio receiving apparatus which enlarges photographs to nine times their original size has been tested successfully by the radio corporation of America.

Photographs of David Sarnoff, president of the corporation, and James G. Harbord, chairman of the board, were transmitted back to New York from New Brunswick, N. J., by way of the corporation's testing station at Riverhead, L. I., yesterday. Full sized advertisements from a fashion magazine were also radioed successfully.

Alternate use of hot and cold air tubes, governed by radio, creates a succession of black dots and lines and white spaces, which, when seen together, makes the picture.