

## HIGHWAY NINETY QUICKEST ROUTE

Lexington Dispatch Shows  
Ninety to Be Quickest and  
Safest from West to Chapel  
Hill as Well as Raleigh.

The following article from Friday's Lexington Dispatch was incited by the report of the opening of the new section of highway from Graham to Nelson:

"The shortest route from the west to Chapel Hill is afforded by the completion of No. 54 from Carboro to Graham, according to a press dispatch from Chapel Hill. This gives a virtually straight shoot from Greensboro to the seat of the University by using the hard surface cut-off labeled No. 100 from a point several miles west of Gibsonville to Burlington. Winston-Salem and points in the state north of the east-west line running through Greensboro and Winston-Salem would also find this perhaps the most direct route.

"However, the 'short-cut' referred to still has no advantage over No. 90 from Lexington eastward even for a trip to Chapel Hill. It is approximately 91 miles by liberal speedometer measure from the court house at Lexington to Kenan stadium at Chapel Hill. The closest sort of figuring will not bring the stadium nearer here by going the northern route. Time consumed in passing through Thomasville, High Point, Greensboro, Burlington and Graham must necessarily be more than that necessary in passing through Asheboro, Franklinville, Ramseur, Siler City and Pittsboro. Football fans living in points west and southwest of Lexington for a considerable area still find No. 90 the quickest and safest route.

When the stretch of No. 90 just east of this city is completed the distance from here to Chapel Hill will be cut by approximately two miles in measured distance, and the elimination of the curves between here and Willomoor Springs will make the shortening amount to about five miles in actual driving. And as for a route to Raleigh, unless the state road maps are all improperly drawn, No. 90 will have the call as the 'row flight route' from the central Piedmont to the capital and beyond. Perhaps the section now being re-opened will be fully open to traffic by Thanksgiving and hundreds of drivers will get their introduction to one of the fastest routes, as well as perhaps the most beautiful, in the central Piedmont area."

## Dr. Monroe Assumes Head of New Hospital

(Aberdeen Pilot)

Dr. Monroe, in charge of the new Moore county hospital at Pinehurst, becomes the official head of the institution with August 15, and from now on functions actively. He will for the immediate present have an office at the General Office building in Pinehurst, but will be busy getting things in shape in the new building that he may at the earliest possible date move over there and get the hospital into action.

Incidentally the hospital management is anxious that the people of this community shall feel that the new institution is to be a Moore county hospital, for all the people, and where all may feel at home and confident of the best service that sincere effort can provide. The building is one of the best that money could create, the equipment is to be strictly in accordance with the fine new structure, the managing physician is a capable man, and those familiar with such things assure the Pilot that it would be hard to start a hospital on a more logical and promising footing than is the case with this one. The date of opening is not far off.

## Federal Board to Lend Cotton Money

Cotton farmers are to receive the full cash equivalent of this year's crop in advance whenever they are in distress and need the money, under plans just announced by the federal farm board. The funds will be advanced through the cotton co-operatives. The farm board itself will advance 25 per cent of the market value of the crop, 65 per cent will come from the intermediate credit banks and the other ten percent out of the marketing association's own funds. The total amount of money to be required could not be estimated, but board members are said to be willing to go as far as the industry needs. Heretofore the cotton growers have been able to get only about 60 per cent of the value of the cotton, final settlement being made some months later. The new plan will permit the association to make final settlement with the farmer upon delivery of his cotton.

## Department Directors of the Chatham Fair

The following named department directors and assistants have been appointed for the Chatham county fair to open October 1:

Farm and field crops: Hugh L. York, director; N. J. Dark, assistant. Horticulture: E. M. Lindley, director; J. M. Hackney, assistant. Truck and vegetables: O. L. Lambert, director.

Cattle: O. A. Clapp, director; Clyde Beaver, assistant. Swine: J. C. Fesmire, director. Sheep: O. A. Clapp, director. Calf club: N. C. Shiver, director. Poultry: Herbert Lindley, director; T. Ira White, assistant.

Home economics products, pantry supplies: Mrs. M. M. Fox, director; assistants, Mesdames Charles Luttrell, E. A. Ferrell, B. H. Waddell, J. B. Marley, C. N. Bray, Hugh York, J. H. Alexander, J. Wade Siler, and Miss Nan White.

Fancy and needle work: Mrs. T. D. Bynum, director; assistants, Mesdames J. C. Canipe, Archie Andrews, J. O. Lanus, A. H. Johnson, R. H. Hayes, and Miss Mary Alice Ferguson.

Fine arts and crafts: Mrs. Daniel L. Bell, and Mrs. J. D. Gregg, directors; assistants, Mesdames Claude Jones, A. E. Brown, C. L. Brower, Edwin Hatch, O. C. Kennedy, Dalton Cooper, J. Bunn Feerington, and Miss Pauline Taylor.

Plants and flowers: Mrs. R. F. Paschal, director; assistants, Mesdames W. R. Gilbert, John M. Foust, Junius Wren, V. B. Elkins.

Educational: Mrs. James N. Cordon, director; assistants, J. S. Waters, J. L. Duncan, H. G. Self, F. M. Biggerstaff, J. C. Gregson, and R. S. DuRant.

## Bear Creek News

Mrs. D. F. Perrell of Washington, D. C., is visiting Mrs. J. J. Cheek. Lindon Elkins, of Greensboro, was a week-end visitor in the home of his father, P. L. Elkins.

C. L. Snipes of Durham is spending a while with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Snipes.

The revival began at Sandy Branch Baptist church last Sunday. Rev. L. C. Cheek, of Chapel Hill, preached in the morning and Rev. J. C. Canipe of Siler City preached in the afternoon. Rev. Mr. Canipe will do the preaching this week.

Miss Frances Elkins of Siler City is visiting at I. P. Coggin's.

Messrs. F. C. Straughan and T. B. Beal are attending the State Junior meeting at High Point as delegates from Goldston Council No. 288.

Miss Belle Beal and Mrs. G. S. Norwood, after visiting Mrs. Susan Phillips, of Norfolk, Va., have returned to their homes.

J. V. Beaver, of Greensboro and W. B. Beaver of Durham were week-end visitors of T. P. Beaver.

Last week's Bear Creek News was received after the papers were printed, probably due to delay in the mails, but we believe the following paragraph is of much interest:

Mr. Wilbur C. Campbell and Miss Lula E. Beak announce their secret marriage, which occurred last December 22nd, their many friends will learn with much pleasure. Mr. Campbell is a son of James S. Campbell, of route 2, while the bride is the youngest daughter of R. L. Beal, also of route 2, who live near Meroney M. E. church. They are both very fine people and we wish them a long and happy life together.

Marion F. Emerson died at his home on Siler City, Rt. 5, near Meroney church, Thursday, August 8, following an illness of one week with colitis. He suffered a slight stroke some years ago. He was born December 22, 1845, being a son of James Winefred Emerson, and was therefore in his 84th year. On October 22, 1865, he was married to Miss Mame Headen and to this union were born three children, two of whom survive—Mrs. J. H. McIver and Miss Maggie Emerson, both of Siler, route 5. He served as a Confederate veteran in the war between the states. His wife preceded him nine years, having died November 18, 1920.

"Uncle Marion," as he was called by most of his friends, lived and satisfied his loved ones that he was ready to meet his God in peace.

The funeral service was conducted by T. B. Beal, of Bear Creek, who based his remarks on Numbers 23:10, and urged people to live the life of the righteous. The interment was made in the family burying ground near the home of L. T. Dark. May God hover closely around those bereaved, and may they all so live that when the summons come that they, too, may say with Paul, "The time of my department is at hand—henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give to me at that day, and not me only, but unto all them, also, that love his appearing."

Each day comes to me with both hands full of possibilities.—Helen Keller.

## MORRISON TRAINING SCHOOL DOING GOOD

Hamlet Kiwanis Club Visits  
Place at Superintendent's  
Invitation; Has Big Time

(From The Hamlet News-Messenger)

One of the most interesting and profitable meetings of the Hamlet Kiwanis for this year was that held last Thursday night at the Morrison Training School, state reform school for Negro boys ten miles from Hamlet. The Kiwanians went out early in order to have time to look over the premises before supper, and all who had not before visited the place were amazed at what has been accomplished there.

One of the most interesting features was the group of cows in the lot. There are six registered Jerseys and eleven grade cows, and Superintendent Boyd hopes within the next few months to have his entire herd composed of registered stock. He believes that it is too expensive to keep cows that produce from two to three gallons of milk a day, when the same cost will produce five or six gallons from blooded animals. A new pasture is being built and plans are being made to increase the herd. The dairy barn is modern, sanitary and well kept.

The farm offers an object lesson in diversification and food crops. Beans and collards are planted by the acre and at such intervals as to have crops coming in every two or three weeks during the season. The eight acres in sweet potatoes give promise of yielding a thousand bushels, and there has been an abundance of squash, cucumbers, cabbage, tomatoes, and every kind of vegetable all summer with other crops coming on before frost.

Supt. Boyd is a native of Alabama and was raised on a sugar plantation. He knows how to handle the real sugar cane and he has a good

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## Back in Chatham After 59 Years

Fifty-nine years ago a youngster of twenty-two left Chatham to seek his fortune in what was then the rather far west. In Missouri, Tennessee, Indiana, he lived many years. He married, his wife died, and 20 years ago, or thereabouts, he joined his married daughter in the state of Washington.

All these years he had not once returned to his native home. But at the age of 81 years, he is back, apparently still a strong and robust man, having come from what is indeed the "west" to visit his brothers at Burlington, and whatsoever kin folk and old friends he should find in Chatham. His name is Taylor Straughan, and he is a brother of the late Isaac Straughan of this county. He arrived here Tuesday.

## MEXICAN STABS AND KILLS RED CROSS GIRL

Miss Egie Ashmun, executive secretary of the San Francisco Chapter, Red Cross, was stabbed to death by a Mexican Sunday. Miss Ashmun was just leaving her office when the young Mexican approached and asked about when he would get some government money. She replied "in due time." That made him mad and he stabbed her. Death occurred almost instantly. The Mexican was arrested and is held for murder.

## LEE COUNTY FAIR

Mr. F. H. Brown, manager of the Lee county fair, reports that the Cetlin and Wilson shows have been secured for the fair this fall, and that amusement features will be provided for old as well as young. Children will have a chance to ride real live ponies. Children are especially invited to be the guests of the management during the Fair days.

## Southern Sued for \$97,000

Suit has been filed in the District of Columbia court against the Southern railroad by John W. Sisson and son of New York asking \$97,000 damages. The complaint alleges that the railroad left an unlighted freight car parked on a grade crossing over night last November, and that the plaintiffs drove their car into it resulting in serious injury to several members of the party.

## ROUTE 50 COMPLETED

(Aberdeen Pilot)

Pouring of cement on route 50 between Vass and Sanford was completed Thursday afternoon, and after a couple of weeks of seasoning the road will be opened for traffic. This road will relieve a traffic situation which has been a source of considerable annoyance to this section for many months, and will be appreciated by tourists who habitually use this highway.

## TWO ACCIDENTS IN PAST FEW DAYS

Gentlemanly Driving Saves  
Child—Criminal Driving  
Wrecks Car.

Two accidents in Pittsboro the past few days illustrate the criminality of reckless driving and the value of decent regard for the laws of the state and town and the rights of the people.

Saturday night a fool negro came plunging down Main street, failed to negotiate the curve at the court house and drove plumb into Mr. Walker Eubanks' car standing off the road. He is cooling his heels in the county bastille. The rest of the bunch were allowed to go on their way to Hamlet or wherever they had started. Mr. Eubanks' car had a wheel broken and suffered other damages.

Tuesday forenoon, a gentleman and lady came driving along like sensible folk, though their handsome car bore a Florida license plate and they were headed that way and therefore might have had some reason to be going fast. Mr. Wrenn Gilmore's little daughter Mary Louise had just got off a truck driven by her father and came out into the road in front of the gentleman's car. He turned to the left to avoid her, but the child, frightened, also turned and ran back in front of the car, making it impossible for the gentleman to avoid hitting her. But his care and the control of the car made it only a slight blow with the fender, knocking the child down. There was considerable excitement, but an examination by Dr. McBane revealed only slight bruises. The fall to the pavement possibly hurt worst of all.

If this had happened in front of the fool negro Saturday night, there would have been a dead child.

The Record suggests to Policeman Gilmore that, now he has seen the value of careful driving through town, he be on the watch and bag some of the fools that rush through Pittsboro as if a minute of their time were worth a million dollars.

## CHATHAM CO. SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Chatham County Sunday School association met with Hickory Mountain M. E. Church Wednesday, August 14th. There were three sessions of the meeting—one in forenoon, one in the afternoon and one at night. This convention was well attended.

T. B. Beal, county president, presided. The devotional in the morning service was led by W. F. Jones and prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Canipe of Siler City. "Effective Organization and Activities for Adult Classes" was very ably discussed by Rev. J. C. Canipe. Reports of county and township officers were taken up, which showed a very successful year. Record of attendance was taken. Miss Flora Davis, general superintendent of N. C. Sunday school association, Raleigh, spoke on "Our Sunday School Task," which was greatly enjoyed. An offering for the support of the association was taken. The benediction was spoken by Rev. J. W. Bradley, of Siler City. There was a very fine dinner spread on a long table. Rev. J. W. Buckner returned thanks at the table.

In the afternoon, the devotional was led by Rev. J. W. Buckner. Mr. L. L. Wrenn, of Siler City, spoke on "Practical Plans for Building Up the Sunday School," which was very instructive. Miss Davis then spoke on "Worship in the Sunday School." The report of the nominating committee was called and adopted and the following elected for the following year: President, T. E. Beal, Bear Creek; V. P., N. J. Dark, Siler City, and secretary, Miss Nara Andrew, of Siler City. Coal Glen Union was selected as the place of the 1930 convention. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. W. Bradley.

At night, the devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. W. Bradley. Miss Davis spoke on "The Necessity of Trained Workers in the Sunday School" and, as all her addresses had been, was very helpful. The pennant was awarded Coal Glen, who has the largest delegation, based on miles traveled. The pennant was presented by T. B. Beal to the superintendent of this Sunday school, who responded with a short talk. Benediction by Rev. J. W. Bradley.

## Evacuation of the Rhineland Sept. 1

Announcement that Great Britain will begin withdrawing troops from the Rhineland on September 1 was made from The Hague Monday. British troops have been along the Rhine since 1919. This is regarded as the first step toward definite settlement of the reparations question which the conference at The Hague has been discussing for several weeks in trying to put the Young plan into operation.

## Mrs. Edwards Tells Story of Gun Battle

The story of the gun battle on highway fifty, seven miles south of Sanford, is thus told by Mrs. Edwards, wife of the dead filling station man, as reported in the Sanford Express of last Friday:

"I think it was about 4 o'clock or a little before, we heard a car drive up out in front and I raised up to see and they looked like they were getting water. I was on the front side of the bed and Gaither told me to get up and look through the peep hole and see what they were doing and I thought they were getting water because they had a can pouring something in the car, but the light was so dim I could not tell whether it was gas or what they were getting. I went back to the bed and told Gaither that I believed they were taking something so he got up and went to the door and watched them a few minutes. He opened the door and fired two or three times, and then he called for me to bring his flash light and I went in there with it turned and he told me to cut it off and then they went around to the back of the house to the end door and tried to open the door but they couldn't open that and they went to the back window. We heard them cutting or tearing the screen and then they broke off the tin sign over the window and raised the window and came in and called for us to come to that door where the petition was, we were still in the store and they told us just to come in there and that they wouldn't harm us a bit if we put up our hands. We had just gotten in there and I walked over towards the bed and Gaither was down to the lower end and I think the one that came in the window first fired at him, the one that fired at me didn't come in. We both had our hands up. Gaither had his gun in his hands with his hands up, then the firing started. The one that was in the window fired at me. Gaither told them if they wouldn't shoot us they could have anything we had and they said they wouldn't bother us if we would hold up our hands then they started firing again. After I was shot I don't know what happened.

Q. Did you know when your husband was shot?

A. No, I didn't.

Q. Did you see any of them after they were shooting?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you see the one that ran?

A. No.

Q. Did you see the one that fell in the window?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you hear your husband say anything about being shot?

A. No. He didn't open his mouth. I called to him and he didn't answer.

Q. How many men did you see in front?

A. Two.

Q. Did you see a woman?

A. No.

Q. How many men did you see at the rear window?

A. Two at the window, one came in and the other stayed in the window.

Q. I reckon it was about 5 or 10 minutes before I knew anything after I got shot and after I got so I could talk I called to Mrs. Burge's folks; they heard the shots but didn't come in.

Q. Did you hear a woman hollering after the shooting?

A. Yes. I guess it was 15 or 20 minutes after the shooting.

Q. Did you hear any one drive up?

A. Yes, I heard a car drive up and it stopped out about the sign in the road, then I heard the woman walking up the road and coming back, she was hollering all the time.

Q. Who was first to come in the road?

A. Dr. Foster, and Mrs. Churchill came around to the back window where the bed was, I couldn't get any one to come in.

Q. Do you know how many cartridges your husbands had in his gun?

A. Yes, it was full.

## Graf Zeppelin Lands Safely at Tokyo

The Graf Zeppelin, under command of Dr. Hugo Eckener, effected a safe and uneventful landing near Tokyo Monday evening, having completed nearly 7,000 miles on its second leg of the round the world flight. The zep left its home hangar at Friedrichshafen, Germany, last Thursday morning. After three days in Japan the giant dirigible will sail out across the Pacific with Los Angeles as its goal. There are 20 passengers aboard, besides the crew of forty.

## 772 DEATHS IN N. C. DURING MONTH OF JULY

A total of 772 deaths, 111 of which were due to violence, were reported in North Carolina for July. Automobiles were the chief factors in the violent deaths, being responsible for 45, while tuberculosis led all other diseases in fatality its victims numbering 199.

## FOURTH STORE OF THE JONES CHAIN

Great Opening Friday of New  
Pittsboro Store—The Building  
Thronged with Buyers.

The Asheboro Courier, noting the opening of the Jones' store here, has the following comment upon the strength and success of the Jones firm:

Mr. H. C. Jones, general manager of W. W. Jones and Sons Department Stores, with Asheboro as home office, announces this week the opening of the fourth store in the Jones chain on Friday, August 16th, at Pittsboro. W. B. Perry, for some months past with the Siler City branch store, will be in charge of the new enterprise. The Jones department stores operate at Asheboro, Carthage and Siler City. The concern is one of the oldest established mercantile firms in the county. It was started years ago by Mr. W. W. Jones, one of the pioneer merchants and business men of the county, and continued after his death by his sons.

The establishment has been expanded until it became necessary only a few months ago to move into new and more commodious quarters. It was at this time that the new and modernly appointed Armfield building was constructed on Sunset avenue to house the business. A branch store had been opened in Carthage, and a little later another was located at Siler City.

The Pittsboro store is stocked with a complete line of merchandise bought in New York and other merchandising centers for the expressed purpose. The Jones chain has opened a buying office in New York City, located at 421-423 7th Avenue.

The opening here Friday was most gratifying to both the store people and the people of Pittsboro, who are looking for this good store to play a good part in making Pittsboro the trading center of the county. The house was overflowing with customers for hours.

The window display for several days had attracted favorable attention. Prices of goods seemed most satisfactory. The store is carrying goods of values from the lowest up to those demanded by the more particular customers. As comparatively few of our people buy high-priced goods, the stock, of course, contains great quantities of low and medium-priced goods to suit the purses of the average buyer. Yet the buyer of higher-priced goods is not overlooked.

The opening, to say the least, was most auspicious.

## Two Companies of Troops at Marion

Following a near riot at the Clinchfield mill, Marion, where a strike has been in progress for several days, Judge N. A. Townsend, executive counsel of the governor, called out two troops of the National Guard to preserve order. The mill has been closed for two weeks and when the management attempted to start up again Monday morning with non-union help the union members 600 strong kept the workers out of the mill. Then it was that Judge Townsend called out the Asheville and Morganton Companies of the militia.

## Progress at Coal Mine

It is gratifying to note from the following item in the Sanford Express that progress is being made at the Cold Glen mine, despite the handicap of the withdrawal of the convicts. Says the Express of last week:

At the end of the week the Carolina Coal Company had two shifts of miners—80 in one and 35 in the other. They expect to increase the force as rapidly as possible so as to have two full shifts of 80 men each. Many of these are experienced miners and are capable of turning out a large tonnage of coal. It is expected that the company will soon be in better shape than ever for mining coal. The mine at Cumcock will also be put in operation as soon as everything can be put in proper shape. The company has had a checkered existence, but is still able to push its business.

## G. F. SEYMOUR MARRIES

Mr. G. F. Seymour, teacher of agriculture at Grantham school, Wayne county, has taken unto himself a bride. The young lady was Miss Cleo Rose of Wayne county. Mr. Seymour is a native of New Hope township, and won distinction a year or two ago as the best agricultural teacher in the state high schools.

## DEDICATION SUNDAY

The new Hanks Chapel building will be dedicated next Sunday. There will be all-day services with dinner on the grounds. Everybody is invited to come.