

Modern Road to Union Line Be Reality Soon

Road Has Been Completed to Point Near Howell's Church and Fine Progress Is Being Made Now.

FIVE MILES TO BE CONSTRUCTED

It Is Hoped That Entire Road Will Be Completed by September 15th—Other Roads Are Getting Attention.

Editorial Correspondence.
It is only a matter of weeks now until a modern road from Concord to the Union county line will be a reality. And the word modern is properly used for the road will be up-to-date in every way, and is being built under specifications set forth by the State highway department. Work has progressed now to the point where W. G. Brown, engineer of the Cabarrus county highway commission, predicts that the road will be completed not later than September fifteenth.

It was my pleasure to inspect the road Monday afternoon and I find that it compares favorably with any sand-clay road I have seen in the State. There is no point along the highway that is narrower than 30 feet and in some places the road is 40 feet in width. The best of topsoil is being used and the road where completed is very similar in appearance and make-up to the excellent road from Mt. Pleasant to Albemarle.

The commission now has the road completed to a point near Howell's Baptist Church. The road near the home of Moses Furr is under construction now and by the end of this week it is expected to have it completed to a point beyond the boundaries of its farm.

From that point on to Midland there will be little grading to be done. A new fill and bridge will have to be erected at Anderson's Creek, as the new road leaves the old road at the creek, but Mr. Brown is of the opinion that this work will not long delay the completion of the road.

Just beyond Anderson's Creek the proposed road strikes the road recently completed by the State adjoining Charlotte and Albemarle. That point is about two miles from Midland and Midland is about an equal distance from the Union line. That means that the road to the Union line is completed to a point within five miles of the Union line.

Modern machinery is being used in the construction of the road and the roadbed is being made of Cabarrus top soil. The territory through which the road runs abounds in excellent road soil and this soil is being lavishly used by Mr. Brown. This means that the road not only will be safe in dry weather but that it will be in good shape even in bad weather as the top soil being used does not become soggy and slippery. And in addition to this, the road is so wide at all points that there is little danger of an auto or buggy slipping from it.

A tractor and five scoops were being used to place top soil on the road Monday afternoon, and each seven minutes seven yards of dirt were being moved. It is estimated by road experts it is said that the machinery takes the place of 48 mules and 28 persons. It takes but three persons to operate the machinery—a driver for the tractor and two men to load and dump the scoops.

It is also estimated by experts that the tractor and five scoops can do as much work in one day as six teams could do in a week. The scoops are automatically loaded and it only requires two men to operate five of them. The men determine when the scoops are to be loaded and when unloaded. As I watched the work the soil was being carried about 150 yards and it required just seven minutes for a load to be secured, dumped and placed. Each scoop, it is also said by experts, carries as much as six wagons could carry.

While the one tractor and five scoops were working at a point where the road had already been graded another tractor and three other scoops were engaged at another point grading out the road and building a base for the top soil. This work is more tedious and therefore slower than the work being done by the first tractor, but it can be done with the machinery much faster and more economically than with teams.

At a point near the Howell Baptist Church a soggy, low place was struck by the workmen and the ground was so unsettled that work at this point was delayed several days. However, while temporarily halted at this point the workmen were not idle. They moved on to higher ground and completed grading on the road near the home of Mr. Furr. The old road at this point winded in and out among hills and valleys, but the new road follows a ridge and there is not more than a 4 per cent. grade at any point.

At a point just in front of the home of Henry Furr the new road strikes the old road and follows it to a point near Anderson's Creek. The old roadbed will be used for some distance but it will be reworked and shaped up just as the new part that is to be added to it.

Anderson's Creek will be crossed at a point just left of the present bridge. It is planned now to use an 80-foot span of bridge over the creek. It is said that once about every 20 years this creek gets up so that even the proposed new bridge could not be used. There is an excellent detour, however, that leads off near the home of Henry Furr and this can be used when the overflow comes. The detour strikes the Charlotte-Albemarle road not far from the point where the new road strikes it.

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DAVIS PREPARES TO LEAVE MAINE

Spends Last Day of Vacation Completing His Address Accepting the Nomination.

(By the Associated Press.)
Dark Harbor, Me., July 29.—With only 24 hours of his Maine vacation remaining, John W. Davis devoted much of his time today to finishing his address he is to deliver at Clarkburg, W. Va., on August 11th, accepting the Democratic Presidential nomination.
His calendar was clear of engagements, and his only recreation was a golf game in the late afternoon. Accompanied by Mrs. Davis and his friend, Frank L. Polk, the nominee will leave tomorrow afternoon for New York arriving there Thursday morning.

FARMER BITTEN BY SNAKE HE CARRIED IN HIS POCKET

Reptile Made Itself at Home in Coat in Field.
St. Mary's, W. Va., July 29.—Ezra Powell, a farmer living near here, is in a critical condition from the bite of a copperhead snake, as the result of unwittingly carrying the reptile home with him in the late afternoon. Accompanied by Mrs. Powell and his friend, Frank L. Polk, the nominee will leave tomorrow afternoon for New York arriving there Thursday morning.

BODY OF BANK AUDITOR IS FOUND IN BATHROOM

William L. Smith, Auditor of Murchison National Bank, Is Asphyxiated.
Wilmington, July 28.—William L. Smith, 40, auditor at the Murchison National National bank, died in the bathroom of his residence, 715 Duck street, also the residence of his father-in-law, Captain W. H. Pemberton.
Official reports of the investigation of death were not available, but it is stated that death was due to asphyxiation although it is not believed by friends that there was any suicidal intent. The body, clothed in underwear, was lying on the back, arms down beside it, without any sign of struggle. A water glass on a nearby stool, was so situated, it was said, that if there had been any movement of an arm it would have been knocked to the floor. The police were asked to call Coroner A. W. Allen and the coroner responded, and visited the remains, but Mr. Allen did not consider an inquest necessary.

BISHOP HAD BURIED IN BELMONT TODAY

Church Dignitaries From All Parts of the Country Present For Services.
(By the Associated Press.)
Charlotte, July 29.—The Rt. Rev. Leo Haid, Bishop of North Carolina, and dean of the Roman Catholic clergy in America, was buried in little cemetery at Belmont Abbey today. Church dignitaries from all parts of the country were in attendance.
Private services and masses for the dead prelate were sung in the capital yesterday. Today at 9:30 o'clock a service of divine office was held by the priests at the Abbey and at 10:30 a pontifical requiem mass was sung. The Rt. Rev. Archbishop Charles Mohr of St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo., was the celebrant of the mass. The Rt. Rev. Hugh Boyle, bishop of Pittsburgh, Pa., preached the sermon.

PRESIDENT BEGINS TO PUT SPEECH ON PAPER

Has Progressed to Point on Acceptance Speech That He Is Able to Dictate It For Printers.
(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, July 29.—President Coolidge has begun to put on paper the republican campaign keynote address he will deliver here on August 14th when formally advised of his nomination as the Republican Presidential candidate.
Seated in his study in the White House, Mr. Coolidge spent several hours yesterday dictating sections of the address to his stenographer. He made rapid progress and another period was allotted for similar work today.

Senator Lodge Progressing Well.

(By the Associated Press.)
Cambridge, Mass., July 29.—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge was progressing well today. "Everything is perfectly satisfactory in every way," his physician said after a brief visit to the patient this morning. It was said that Senator Lodge had had a good night's rest, and he should be able to eat whatever he chose today and could smoke.

Mrs. Fleischmann Gets Divorce.

(By the Associated Press.)
Paris, July 29 (By the Associated Press).—A divorce on grounds of abandonment today was granted to Mrs. Laura G. Hyland-Hemingway Fleischmann, wife of Julius Fleischmann, former mayor of Cincinnati.

All male members of Cold Springs M. E. Church, South, of No. 9 township, are asked to meet at the church on Thursday morning at 7 o'clock with the proper tools with which to clean off the church cemetery.

STATEMENTS MADE BY MURDERERS OF FRANKS ARE READ

Denial and Confessions of Leopold and Loeb Read When Court Opened Today—Read by Defense.

ATTORNEY CROWE IS VERY TIRED

And Voice Has About Given Out as Result of Work He Has Had to Do Since the Hearing Was Started.

(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, July 29 (By the Associated Press).—Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, who pleaded guilty to the kidnapping and murder of Robert Franks, today heard read in open court first their denials and then their confessions of the crime.

Benjamin Bachrach, one of the attorneys for the boys, helped to get into the record this final stage of the state's presentation of evidence by relieving State Attorney Crowe of the task of reading the prosecution's transcript of the boys' admissions. Mr. Crowe's voice was worn but after 20 minutes of reading Mr. Bachrach said he was "getting a little hoarse." The state's attorney however declined to take up the vocal burden at that time. The boys listened with little change of expression until Mr. Bachrach reached a passage in which Leopold quoted a profane exclamation made to his brother when he learned that his spectacles had been found near the culvert in which he and Loeb had hidden the body of the Franks boy. When this came out both defendants grinned.

They smiled again when the account reached a conversation between Leopold and Mr. Crowe in which the latter quizzed the student on the distinction between grammar and rhetoric. Other points that amused the defendants included Leopold's hope that he was an expert automobile driver, and his doubt as to whether gin was his favorite beverage.

Clarence S. Darrow, chief counsel for the defense, sat with the boys and talked with them from time to time. In today's proceedings did not discourage the spectators.

At one point in the reading of Leopold's confession, Leopold's ideas on religion were worked into the record. "There is no God," he was quoted as saying. "I do not believe in a future life. When I die I die all over. Of course, that is only an opinion, and it can be demonstrated only by dying."

Leopold was busy talking to Mr. Darrow when this occurred, and apparently did not hear it.

Loeb, however, turned far forward to catch it, and then leaned to his companion's conference with the attorney. Leopold, in his confession, told Mr. Crowe that since 1921 he had at times carried a .32 caliber automatic pistol because "I wanted to be very grown up."

He said Loeb was a close friend, and that they had a habit of dining together as frequently as three times a week.

For the second time, Mr. Bachrach reached unprintable matter, and leaned over the three stenographers to whisper to them something for the record only. This required several minutes.

The reading brought out Leopold's agreement with Mr. Crowe that he had been treated with every consideration by the prosecutor, and had "no complaint to make whatever."

Loeb caught a pretty young girl artist sketching him and turned, smiled and posed.

Leopold was quoted as saying that he had two nicknames, "Babe" from the family and "Plea" from the boys at the preparatory school he had attended. He said he probably was called because of his size and interest in insects. He was quoted as denying ever having used narcotics.

MAKING MACHINE FOR INDEPENDENT TICKET

Political Machine For La Follette and Wheeler Is to Be Completed Before Senators Start Campaign.
(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, July 29.—The setting up of a political machine for the La Follette-Wheeler independent Presidential campaign is to be completed under present plans of its sponsors before the Senators embark upon extensive speaking program. Although this may delay the start of speech making until September, leaders in the movement expressed the opinion today that the plan would enable the candidates to make more effective use of their efforts.

Senator La Follette meanwhile will remain in Washington in close touch with the functioning of the new organization.

Tickets For Free Pictures.

All children under 15 years of age are asked to call at the Ellis Club tomorrow afternoon between three and four o'clock, and secure tickets of admission to the free pictures that are being donated by the Ellis to the children of the city at the Piedmont theatre Friday morning.

What Concord Builds Builds Concord

Concord's Greatest Need, a New and Modern Hotel

The directors of the Concord Real Estate Co. were authorized by the stockholders at the last annual meeting to provide plans and raise the necessary funds, and execute the building of a new hotel in Concord. After careful and thorough consideration we recommend the following:

To build a new hotel on the site of the present hotel, consisting of 100 rooms.

We have secured estimates from reliable estimators that same will cost about \$192,000.00.

We have already secured stock subscriptions amounting to \$80,000.00.

We desire to sell enough more stock to make a total of \$192,000.00.

We recommend this proposition to the investing public of Concord and surrounding territory.

We plan to put on a vigorous campaign in the next few days to complete the sale of stock.

Signed by Members of the Board:

A. F. HARTSELL
CHAS. R. WAGONER
L. D. COLTRANE
L. T. HARTSELL
J. A. CANNON
C. W. SWINK
L. M. RICHMOND

ROTARIANS TO MEET TO DISCUSS HIGHWAY

Want Road From Bluefield, W. Va., to Mt. Airy, N. C., Placed in Good Shape.

(By the Associated Press.)
Charlotte, July 29.—Representatives of Rotary clubs from a number of North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia cities, will meet in Wytheville, Virginia, Saturday morning, it was announced here today, to discuss improvement of the highway from Bluefield, W. Va., to Mt. Airy, N. C. It is hoped, according to a statement made here, to have this road improved to such extent that traffic now diverted through Tennessee or by way of Richmond, Va., can be inducted to travel through western North Carolina. Rotary clubs from Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Salisbury, High Point, Lexington, Concord, Statesville, Mooresville, Gastonia and Charlotte are expected to accept the invitation of the Bluefield club to attend the meeting.

HARRELL ADMITS HIS PART IN THE CRIME

Man Arrested in Nashville Tells His Part in Killing Army Officer.

Nashville, Tenn., July 28.—Arrested at the request of South Carolina authorities on a charge of being an accessory after the fact in the murder of Major Samuel H. McLeary, Gerald Harrell will be taken from here to Columbia within the next two days, local authorities said tonight.

Harrell, a brother of Frank Harrell, who admitted following their arrest here that he was present when Major McLeary was slain by Mortimer S. King, on July 2, near Cheraw, S. C., said he would not resist extradition. Frank Harrell was taken to the South Carolina prison from here last week. Gerald had just been released from jail after serving a term for vagrancy when he was arrested at the request of South Carolina officials.

THE COTTON MARKET

Heavy Realizing Sent Prices Off 43 to 48 Points Under Monday's Closing.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, July 29.—Heavy realizing in the cotton market this morning sent prices off 43 to 48 points under the previous close. The market opened steady with active positions 22 to 36 points lower. October later dropped to 28.87 and December to 28.02. Selling by spot houses, New Orleans and the South was based on the theory that the recent advance had already discounted whatever deterioration in the crop actually had taken place. The opening prices were: Oct. 20.10; Dec. 28.25; Jan. 28.10; March 28.30; and May 28.40.

Rowan Farmers Will Visit Washington

Salisbury, July 28.—Evidence that the Rowan Farm tour conducted by County Agent Yeager over into east Tennessee last year has set a precedent for some time to come is coming in thick and fast these days in the applications that are being received for the trip that is to be made this year through the valley of Virginia to Washington and return down the Virginia coast according to a statement made by Mr. Yeager. Anticipating that the farmers of the county would want to take another trip this year, County Agent Yeager began to look about some time ago over trip routes and as several farmers had already expressed a desire to visit the National capital, attention was given to a definite decision to carry the farmers over what will probably be one of the most fascinating routes than can be taken out of Salisbury.

Franklin McNeill Is Dead in Fayetteville

Fayetteville, July 28.—Franklin McNeill, first chairman of the corporation commission of North Carolina, died in a local hospital at noon today. Mr. McNeill was brought to the hospital last Friday from "Ellersley" his country place in this county, where he was spending a few days when he was taken ill. His health had been declining for five or six years and forced his retirement from his law practice in Raleigh sometime ago.

"Home brewing" in France, of an imitation of the forbidden substance, made from an ancient base, is causing much trouble to the authorities.

LONDON CONFERENCE H. L. SMITH AND R. M. HOUSEL HURT IN AIRPLANE ACCIDENT

DRAGS WEARILY RESULTS ARE SAME

Little Progress Observable Toward Goal of Conference's Ambitions.—Objectives Seem Almost Obscure

FRENCH OFFER MORE PROPOSALS

Premier Theunis of Belgium, and Col. Logan of America, Also Present New Proposals to the Conference.

London, July 29 (By the Associated Press).—The inter-allied conference dragged wearily along today with little progress observable toward the goal of its ambitions, the launching of the Deneubourg report. That objective becomes more obscure some days than others, in the maze of discussions through which diplomacy moves to accomplish its ends, and today was one of the murky sort.

There were no formal committee meetings arranged for today. In the informal discussions among the delegates, the lead in an effort to coordinate the various formula proposed to reconcile the financiers' ideas of security for investors in the proposed German loan, with the reluctance of France to waive her right to separate action should Germany default.

With the proposals of Premier Theunis of Belgium, and Colonel Logan of America, the American official observer before them, the conferees are eager to receive the proposed new formula of the French and to coordinate all three into something tangible for consideration when the full committee on defaults and penalties meets again tomorrow.

PASTOR CRITICIZES COOLIDGE'S SPEECH

Scores President For Placing God Third in Radio Speech to Boy Scouts.

Atlanta, Ga., July 28.—In a sermon preached last night at the Central Baptist church here, Rev. W. L. Hambrick, the pastor, severely scored President Coolidge for having placed God third in his radio address to Boy Scouts delivered Friday, when the President urged the youths to reverence "First, nature; second, law; third God," according to a story which will appear in the Atlanta Constitution Monday morning.

"During the world war we justly criticized and condemned the Kaiser for referring to God as secondary—'Me and Gott,'" the pastor is quoted as saying by the Constitution. "But last Friday our own President took the liberty of moving God down a step further, and put him in third place. In his radio address to the Boy Scouts of America he urged them to reverence, first, nature; second, law; third, God."

The Constitution further quotes Rev. Mr. Hambrick in his sermon: "It is very unfortunate that our President should have been so careless with his thoughts and words, for in so doing, in my judgment, he has not only dishonored the office he holds, but the God that we worship and serve. I think it is a shame on our nation, and a slur on Christianity. Wisdom, honor and principle, as well as Christianity, ever reverence God first."

MRS. FERGUSON SECOND IN TEXAS PRIMARY

Running Second to Felix Robertson for Democratic Gubernatorial Nomination.

(By the Associated Press.)
Dallas, Texas, July 29.—Mrs. Miriam Ferguson, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, maintained a lead of 3,450 votes over Lynch Davidson for second place in Saturday's initial Democratic primary, according to returns tabulated today by the Texas Election Bureau. The returns were from 237 out of 252 counties, with 55 counties complete. The vote of the three leading candidate follows: Felix Robertson 104,293; Mrs. Ferguson 121,243; Davidson 117,813.

Mrs. Ferguson is seeking the office to avenge her husband, former Governor Jim Ferguson, who was impeached.

GOV. SMITH ANXIOUS TO HELP HIS PARTY

Confers With Clem Shaver About Part He Will Play in the Campaign.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, July 29.—Governor Smith had a long conference with Clem L. Shaver, Democratic National Chairman, today, to devise plans by which he could devote his every effort to further the candidacy of John W. Davis, Democratic nominee for President.

"I will make a speaking tour, I will do anything I can to help the national ticket," the Governor said.

Sen. La Follette Wants Report on Sugar.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, July 29.—Declaring that he had "reason to believe" that representatives of sugar interests were delaying a report by the Tariff Commission upon an investigation into costs of sugar production, Senator La Follette today called upon the commission today for an explanation.

Aviators to Take Off Tomorrow.

Brough, England, July 29 (By the Associated Press).—The American around the world aviators will take off for Kirkwall tomorrow morning, according to the present arrangements.

Plane Fell With Them Just as They Were Preparing to Leave Winnsboro, S. C., Early Monday Morning.

GASOLINE IGNITED WHEN PLANE FELL

Both Men Were Burned and Mr. House Is Still in Hospital—Mr. Smith Able to Leave the Hospital.

Henry L. Smith, of this city and Knapolls, was slightly burned, and R. M. House, of Knapolls, was severely burned when an airplane in which they were riding crashed into a tree, exploding the gasoline tank and trapping Mr. House beneath the flaming plane. Mr. House was rushed to Charlotte immediately, where he was placed in St. Peter's Hospital. Mr. Smith went to Knapolls and returned today to the home of his sister, Mrs. U. G. DesPortes, at Winnsboro, S. C.

The accident occurred Monday morning at Winnsboro, South Carolina, where Mr. Smith had stopped over to visit his sister. The plane had been purchased by Mr. Smith for Mr. House in Anniston, Ala., and was being driven to Knapolls. Mr. House went to Winnsboro to meet Mr. Smith Saturday and both remained there for the week-end. The plane was very heavily loaded, having an extra supply of gasoline and Mr. Smith's baggage. Mr. Smith is said to have remarked that with Mr. House there was too much weight to be decided to try to make the trip despite the extra load.

A trial flight without House was successful and both prepared to leave about 9:30. Due to the excessive weight, the plane rose slowly when the flight was begun. For this reason, it failed to clear some nearby trees and in the resulting crash the propeller was broken. Mr. Smith quickly righted the machine and attempted to glide to the ground. He was partially successful and landed in a ditch at a comparatively low speed. However, the gasoline tank in some way was ignited and exploded just as the plane came to the ground. In the interim between the crash into the trees and the dive into the ditch, Mr. Smith unstrapped himself and is said to have told Mr. House to do the same. Mr. House for some reason was unable to do so, and when the plane burst into flames he found himself trapped. Mr. Smith managed to get free of the burning machine but when he saw Mr. House's predicament, he returned and in extricating Mr. House was severely burned on the face, arms and legs and it is thought his condition is very serious.

Mr. DesPortes immediately rushed Mr. Smith and Mr. House to Charlotte in his automobile. Mr. Smith was able to drive on to Knapolls to attend to some business matters.

The plane was completely ruined as a result of the smash and fire. It is not known whether Mr. House, who had planned to buy a machine for some time, will get another plane.

Mr. Smith during the war was an aviator and is said to be a skilled pilot. He was piloting the machine at the time of the crash. At present he is employed by the Cannon Manufacturing Co., of Knapolls. Mr. House is the Ford distributor for the Knapolls district.

WARRANTS SERVED ON W. H. BENNETT AND WIFE

They Are Charged With the Murder of Miss Augusta Hoffman in 1915.

(By the Associated Press.)
Chattanooga, Tenn., July 29.—The warrants charging W. H. Bennett and his wife with the murder of Miss Augusta Hoffman, who disappeared mysteriously from the Bennett home in this city in 1915, were served at 9 o'clock this morning as they came from their room in a local hotel where they have been allowed to stay under surveillance since they came here from Rome, Ga., a week ago.

With Our Advertisers.

Have your rugs cleaned now for the coming winter. See new ad. of Bob's Dry Cleaning Co.

Read the ad. "What the Mutual Oil Company Means to Cabarrus County."

Last hams at 25 cents a pound at the Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co., as meats are advancing rapidly in price.

Dotty Delight will be here soon.

A 25 per cent. reduction on all suits and pants at W. A. Overcash's.

A \$35.00 baby carriage at the Concord Furniture Company for only \$17.50.

Get a safe depot box at the Citizens Bank and Trust Co., and you will be absolutely safe from burglars and fire.

WHAT SMITH'S WEATHER CAT SAYS

Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; slightly warmer Wednesday.

Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; slightly warmer Wednesday.