

ROAD FROM CONCORD TO MONROE WILL BE KEPT UP BY STATE

Road Saves Fifteen Miles From Concord to Monroe and For That Reason State Will Maintain It.

DECISION MADE ON THURSDAY

Members of the State Highway Commission Decided to Take Over Road at Meeting Held in Charlotte.

The road from Concord to Monroe built some time ago by Cabarrus and Union counties, will be taken over and maintained by the State as a State highway, according to announcement made Thursday by W. C. Wilkinson, State highway commissioner for the district embracing both Cabarrus and Union counties.

Members of the State highway commission met in Charlotte last week with Mr. Wilkinson and discussed various projects he offered to them. Some of the roads which Mr. Wilkinson suggested be taken over by the State were visited by the commission, which also visited some of the highways that will be repaired under suggestions made by Mr. Wilkinson.

The road from Concord to Monroe is fifteen miles shorter than the route which runs through Charlotte and this is said to have been the deciding factor in the matter. Mr. Wilkinson made a tour of inspection on the road some time ago and he was in position, therefore, to tell the other commissioners of the excellency of the highway. It is possible that the State will make some changes in the materials used on the road, Mr. Wilkinson having suggested something of the kind when he spoke here recently, but as a whole the road at present is in fine shape and is able to take care of the traffic that is using it daily.

The road is important as a connecting link between Concord and Monroe, but of course, it is being taken over by the State because it serves a much larger territory than is embraced in the two counties. The road is a direct route from this section of the State to South Carolina, and from Monroe there is a fine road to the South Carolina line. The road also connects this part of the State with counties on beyond Monroe.

The Union county part of the highway was improved a number of years ago, but the Cabarrus stretch was completed in the last year. The road in this county was constructed under the supervision of the county highway department, and compares favorably with the best of clay roads in the state. The road was constructed with the idea of turning it over to the State at a later date, and for that reason State specifications were used where it was possible to use them.

GEORGE GREEN IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Negro Held at Salisbury Charged With Killing Officer Kitchen May Not Recover.

Salisbury, April 30.—The charges are that George Green, negro, charged with the murder of Special Officer Kitchen, will not be tried at the next term of Rowan Superior court. The session begins next Monday and if Green lives which is very doubtful, he will not be in condition for a hearing. He is in a serious condition on account of the bullet wounds in the intestines. Very little further evidence has been secured, since Coroner Summerett, ordered the negro held for the murder. It has been found that Green's shoe fits in tracks made where a scuffle took place near the point where the officer's body was found. The officer's pistol which was in possession of Green after Kitchen's death, bears evidence that it was fired while the officer's hand was on the ground as some grass was caught in the hammer.

Bus Lines Cannot Be Forced to Take Negro Passengers.

Raleigh, April 30.—Though the corporation commission directs schedules to the bus operators, motor owners which deny negroes the right to ride are within their rights, R. O. Self told newspaper men today. The issue was precipitated by Berry O'Kelly, one of the wealthiest negroes in the state and owner of Method, three mile from Raleigh. There is a school named for him and there is a third surfaced road built for him. He is somebody. When he presented his bus ticket to the driver of "for whites only" car, the driver took him on and dropped him at his home. But the corporation commission holds through Chairman Lee that the bus traffic is to be regulated, not operated by the commission. The solution is for some enterprising negro or white man to operate a bus line exclusively for the negro traffic, the commission thinks.

IDENTIFY BODY OF WOMAN FOUND ON COUNTRY HIGHWAY

Officials Regard the Body as That of Mrs. Josephine Desbario, Whose Life History Is Known. MURDERER NOW BEING SOUGHT

Dead Woman Was 21 Years of Age, the Mother of 3 Children and Lived in Gary and Chicago.

BIRTHS ARE CAUSING RAPID INCREASE IN NATION'S POPULATION

Births in 1924 Were Much In Excess of the Total in 1923, and at Same Time There Were Less Deaths.

BIRTH RATE IN 1924 WAS 23.5

Highest Birth Rate in Country Is in Rural North Carolina While Lowest Rate Is in Rural Montana.

Washington, May 1.—The rate of increase in the nation's population by birth was considerably greater in 1924 than in 1923.

While the birth rate increased from 22.3 per thousand in 1923 to 23.5 per thousand in 1924, the death rate decreased during the period from 12.4 to 11.0 per thousand.

A census bureau survey made public today showed the highest birth rate in the country to be 31.9 per thousand in the rural districts of North Carolina while the lowest rate, 14.9 per thousand in the rural districts of Montana.

The death rate was lower in 1924 than in 1923 in 23 of the 29 states covered by their survey. Infant mortality rates were shown to be generally lower in 1924 than in 1923, increases being noted in only three states.

In 1924 the rate per thousand of population of births and deaths were shown to be: For Maryland, 22.1 and 13.8; Mississippi 24.3 and 11.8; North Carolina 31.9 and 11.9; South Carolina 28.0 and 12.0; Virginia 26.5 and 10.1; Florida 24.2 and 14.6.

PARIS TO NEW YORK PLANE FLIGHT IN JULY

One Chance in 20 to Succeed, It's Enough, Say Tarascon and Coli, French Aces.

Paris, May 1.—The long proposed flight from Paris to New York will be attempted about July 20, it was announced today, by Paul Tarascon and Francis Coli, both distinguished aviators who were severely wounded during the war.

"We have one chance in twenty of succeeding, but that is enough," Tarascon and Coli said. Tarascon has a wooden leg as a result of a pre-war aerial fall. He conceived that fact and got into the French aviation service, brought down eleven German planes, and distinguished himself in six other aerial duels.

The flyers will attempt to win the \$25,000 prize offered in 1919 by Raymond Orteig for the first non-stop flight from Paris to New York. They plan to fly via England, Ireland, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia in a hydro-aeroplane which is being built with a 500-horsepower motor made in France under German patents. The flight is unofficial, although the builders of the plane are giving aid and it is hoped some arrangements may be made for assistance in American waters.

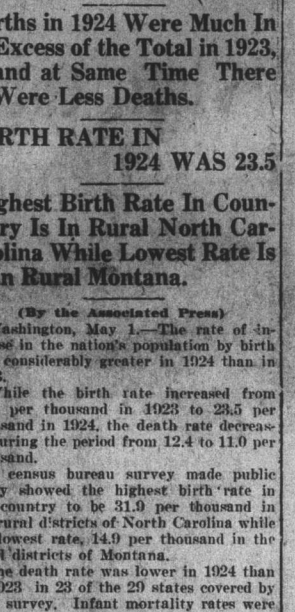
BUSINESS IN HAVANA ALMOST AT STANDSTILL

Street Car, Taxicab and Bus Drivers Stayed Away From Work—One Newspaper Only Printed.

Havana, Cuba, May 1.—A nearly complete paralysis of business went into effect in Havana this morning, the only transportation available being the comparatively few automobiles.

Street car, taxicab and bus drivers and employees remained away from their posts during the day. Only one newspaper, the Havana Post, an English language daily, appeared on the streets.

Queen of Appleland



Wilma Erickson of Wenatchee, Wash., will reign as 'Queen of Appleland' at the Apple Blossom Festival in celebration of the world's record apple production for one community, 12 million bushels.

NO DEMONSTRATIONS FOR MAY DAY HAVE BEEN REPORTED YET

In New York City the Police Are Guarding Public Buildings and Homes of Noted Men and Public Officials.

DAY UNUSUALLY QUIET IN PARIS

Rome Also Reports That So Far No Demonstrations of Any Kind Have Been Staged in That Country.

New York, May 1.—Police today are guarding all public buildings and the homes of all noted men and public officials. All special guards are on duty and orders have been sent out from headquarters for extreme police vigilance in every part of the city to prevent May Day demonstrations which might lead to violence.

MUST BUSES HAVE "JIM CROW" CARS NOW?

This Question is Causing Some Concern to Corporation Commission.

SIX BALLOONS READY FOR RACE

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1.—With generally fair weather and with south and southward winds predicted, the six balloons will get away today in the national elimination race. Officials are optimistic over weather conditions and Carl Wolsley, governor at large of the National Aeronautic Association and manager of the race predicted that the American record of 1,148 miles would be broken.

TWO HUNDRED TIELESS BOY STUDENTS EXPELLLED

Gladstone, Mich., May 1.—Two hundred boy students of Gladstone high school—all but one boy of the four upper classes—were expelled today for coming to school minus neckties and with their collars unbuttoned. The boys declared they would obey the dress regulations only when the girl students were compelled to stop wearing their stockings rolled.

REINDEER MILK IS DELIVERED IN ALASKA IN THE FORM OF FROZEN CUBES EQUAL TO A QUART OF MILK

New York, May 1.—Directors of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh railway have approved a proposal by the Delaware and Hudson Company to lease the property for 99 years, W. T. Noonan, president of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh, announced today.

CHINA'S SILK INDUSTRY WAS DEVELOPED FROM THE DOMESTICATION OF THE WILD INSECT AND HAS LIVED FOR MORE THAN 4,000 YEARS

Reindeer milk is delivered in Alaska in the form of frozen cubes equal to a quart of milk.

FIND NO TRACE OF SHIP WHICH CALLED FOR HELP IN MOUNTAIN AFTER LONG SEARCH

S. O. S. Call Was Heard In New York and by Crew of Liner/Zeeland, But Sender Is Not Known.

ZEELAND READY TO AID VESSEL

Hurried to Spot Where Message Was Sent From But No Vessel Could Be Found After Long Search.

New York, May 1.—The faint S. O. S. from a ship in distress heard here last night and reported to Halifax by the Red Star Liner, Zeeland, as coming from latitude 44 longitude 54, remained unexplained today.

The Zeeland after reaching the spot at 9 p. m. and standing by in a dense fog, sent at 11.15 p. m. a further message that she had picked up the word "Clackas."

It was thought the ship might be the British steamer Clackmas which sailed from Newport News on April 26th for Halifax, a wood craft of 1,724 tons net, loaded with coal. The Clackmas is owned by W. N. McDonald, of Sidney, Ottawa, and was purchased a few months ago from the United States shipping board, having been built in Portland, Oregon, in 1914.

THE CHARLOTTE RACES

Everything Fast Taking Shape for the Big Automobile Contest.

Charlotte, May 1.—The speed wagons of the fifteen or more drivers entered in the Charlotte races here May 11th will be hurried across the continent by express from Fresno, where the drivers participated in the Raisin Day classic on April 30th.

It is expected that the pilots will begin to reach Charlotte not later than May 6th and by May 7th they will have their mounts on the boards. The fact that the cars are coming to Charlotte equipped with superchargers makes the drivers anxious to get on the track several days prior to the day of the races. They believe that new records will be established here, and they want to test out the extreme speed of the oval in advance.

Harry Hartz drove his cars at a speed of 135 miles an hour for a few laps at Guilford College. Wagner, Leon Dury, Harry Hartz, Bennett Hill, Reginald Johnson, Jete Kriess, Earl DeVore, Bob McDonough, Wade Morton, Phil Shafer, (Doc) William E. Shattuc, Jerry Wenderlich and Frank Elliott.

MINISTER SHOWED HIMSELF ATHLETE

Goldboro Clergyman Defends Himself Against Threatened Attacks.

North Wilkesboro, April 30.—The body of Grover Caudill, of Roaring River, is expected to arrive tomorrow. Mr. Caudill had been near Wilmington, N. C., investigating some timber lands with the view of operating a saw mill. Sunday afternoon he was bitten by a rattlesnake and died as the result.

ANOTHER PLOT TO KILL KING BORIS

Sofia, May 1 (By the Associated Press).—Another attempt to assassinate King Boris was frustrated today by officers of the gendarmerie who discovered an almost complete subterranean passage with an explosive fuse with which they believe it was intended to blow up the palace.

WHAT BAT'S BEAR SAYS

Partly cloudy tonight, Saturday fair and warmer in west portion.

MISSING GIRL AND EX-CONVICT FOUND AFTER LONG SEARCH

German Police Dog Located Lucile Chatterton and Earl Woodward in Barn on Deserted Farm.

GIRL APPARENTLY IS ALL RIGHT

Woodward Was Armed But He Made No Attempt to Fight When Three Men Came on Him.

Randolph, Va., May 1.—A German police dog early today led three men to the barn of an abandoned farm in South Brookville where they found Earl Woodward, farm hand and former convict with eleven-year-old Lucile Chatterton, who left her home in Granville with Woodward more than a week ago. Woodward was captured without resistance. Lucile cried when she was led away, her rescuers said.

The rescue brought to an undramatic end a week's search by an armed posse through the wooded mountain township in which Woodward has been a fugitive since he with the girl left the home of her father, Walter Chatterton, last Friday night.

Yesterday cadets from Norwich University joined State authorities and armed citizens in the search. Early today three men accompanied by a police dog set out before the posse were ready to take the field. They were Gen. L. J. and Ray L. Chase, of Randolph, and Winfield Duhois, of Weston.

At the point in Brookfield where the chase was interrupted yesterday by rain and darkness the dog was set on the trail and in half an hour had led the way to the deserted farm of Harry Harper in southern Brookfield. The dog went directly to the barn, and there in a hay mow the searchers came upon Woodward and the little girl.

Although armed with a rifle and with five cartridges the former convict quietly submitted to arrest. Lucile, her rescuers said, wept, protesting she was afraid to go home. Woodward defied his action in taking her away by saying the child was afraid of her father.

They had been without food since yesterday morning, Woodward said, when their supplies were seized by a posse which discovered one of their camping places. Their clothing was drenched from heavy rains. In spite of the hardships the child had experienced, she seemed to be in good health.

Woodward said that since he left Granville a week ago he and the child had never spent more than one night in each camp and only three nights had been in shelter. The pursuit of the posse have kept them continually on the move, he said, without proper rest or nourishment.

Walter Chatterton, the child's father, was waiting at the inn here when the child was brought back. While Woodward was being questioned by the attorney general and the sheriff the father held the girl in his arms, releasing her only when she was given dry clothing. Chatterton had been searching the woods almost constantly since the girl disappeared, and had sworn to kill her abductor on sight.

Man Dies as Result of Bite of Rattlesnake. North Wilkesboro, April 30.—The body of Grover Caudill, of Roaring River, is expected to arrive tomorrow. Mr. Caudill had been near Wilmington, N. C., investigating some timber lands with the view of operating a saw mill. Sunday afternoon he was bitten by a rattlesnake and died as the result.

Mr. Caudill was about 35 years of age. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Caudill, and is survived by his widow and two children. Funeral and burial services will be held at Roaring River tomorrow at 2 o'clock.

Until two weeks ago Mr. Caudill was postmaster at Roaring River, having resigned this position. Sunday To Speak in Charlotte Monday. Charlotte, April 30.—Billy Sunday will visit Charlotte next Monday and preach a sermon at noon.

The meeting will be in the Carolinas exposition building. Several members of the evangelist party will accompany him here, including Mrs. Sunday, Mrs. Asher and Mr. Peterson. Mr. Sunday's visit will be under the auspices of the Christian Men's Club.

Change Hour For May Day Fete. Owing to the cool weather today it has been decided to hold the May Day fete at the Y. M. C. A. at 5 o'clock instead of 5:30 as was advertised. Persons in charge have announced that everything is in readiness for the affair this afternoon.

After spawning, Pacific coast salmon soon undergo tissue degeneration and die in the fresh water streams.

BASE BALL

American Trust Co. (Charlotte) vs GIBSON

Saturday, May 2nd, at 4:00 P. M.

- Basinger, 3rd Base; Haney, Catcher; Lapsley, 1st Base; Andrews, Second Base; Homer Fink, Shortstop; Russell Lee, Left Field; Smith, Center Field; P. Wood, Right Field; "Andy" Ferguson, Pitcher; Severs, "X"

Notice: City privilege license are due May 1st. Call and get your license tags for private autos, trucks, cars, trucks and drays for hire.

SEE THE BIG MAY DAY FETE

Friday 5:30 P. M. Y. M. C. A. Lawn. Get Your Reserved Seats at the Y. M. C. A., 25c and 50c. PERFORMANCE FREE. A Silver Offering Benefit For BIBLE STORY CONTEST

Charges of Wright Denied. Washington, May 1.—A flat and formal denial of the charge of Orville Wright that the Langley airplane in the custody of the National Museum here was "mutilated" was made today by Dr. Charles D. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institute.

Due to the collapse of a large theatre on the Sabbath day in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, a general prohibition of all Sunday public pastimes followed.

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