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## LITTLE STRETCH OF BAD ROAD

### BLOCKS SHORT WAY TO NORTH

Plans, However, Are Formulated to Supplant Bad Road Between Burlington and Roxboro.

By A. D. Jones.

Roxboro, June 28.—A troublesome little stretch of unimproved road less than six miles long in the highway leading from Roxboro to Burlington via Prospect Hill, is practically blocking a route road men claim is shorter by 41 miles for travel from this section toward Richmond and the north than the route which is commonly used at the present time.

The doom of that half dozen miles of bad road, the weak link in a chain otherwise strong, was pronounced here Wednesday at the highway luncheon given by the chamber of commerce when good roads enthusiasts formulated plans for immediately supplanting that rough six miles with a smooth surfaced highway.

The luncheon was attended by about 100 prominent citizens representing half a dozen counties of two states. Delegations were here as the guests of Roxboro, from Greensboro, Burlington, Virginia, built on the state line, Clarksville, Va., and by others living along the route involved. While there was lots of feasting and sight-seeing and considerable speech making, activities here today promise considerably more than a mere fete or just a day's outing. The people at either end of the chain with the weak link are apparently most serious in their plans to eliminate that six miles of lumps and gullies and to make the Burlington-Roxboro route a principal and a permanent trail for through and local traffic.

Following state highway No. 10 out of Greensboro eastward the most direct route to Burlington over a hard surface thoroughfare that is a marvel of road building. Turning northeast at Burlington to the Roxboro trail, Alamance county has a wonderful soil road and for around 15 miles everything is lovely. Then comes the rough six miles. It stretches across the extreme northwest corner of Orange county and cuts a little slice off Caswell as well. From Prospect Hill, one of the oldest landmarks in Caswell, to Roxboro, a distance of about 17 miles, one passes over some of the best soil road in the state. Nearly all of this good road is in Person, but it begins in Caswell.

The idea is to iron out all the kinks in the Burlington-Roxboro road—make it a splendid thoroughfare every foot—and then, ask the state highway commission to take it over as a state project. The 17 miles between Prospect Hill and Roxboro is now a part of state highway No. 144, so the state would probably be asked to take over the remainder of the road, some 18 miles, as an extension of No. 144. This plan today met with red hot enthusiasm on the part of representatives from Alamance and Person counties and was heartily indorsed by the Guilford delegation and by citizens from over the state line in Halifax and Mecklenburg counties, Virginia.

**Orange Not Interested.**  
At the luncheon it was said there is no disposition whatever on the part of Orange county authorities to improve the road that chops off the north west extremity of that county. This, it was pointed out, is to be expected, since the citizenry of Orange could not derive little benefit from such a project. In fact it would even tend to divert travel from Hillsboro. Hillsboro is already linked up with Prospect Hill and vicinity by state highway No. 14. Only a small portion of the rough six miles in Caswell.

Guests here for the luncheon were given sketches showing the most commonly used route from Greensboro to Richmond. The map shows the most travelled from Greensboro to the Virginia capital is via Burlington, Hillsboro, Durham, Oxford to Clarksville and on to Richmond. Good road authorities here say people traveling from Greensboro may cut 41 miles from the distance to Richmond and the north by turning to the northeast at Burlington and going by Prospect Hill, Roxboro, then to Virginia to Clarksville and on north.

This is the ideal route, they say, but for the six shaky miles of travel.

En route to Roxboro this morning Greensboro representatives were joined by another delegation at Burlington and when the combined party reached Prospect Hill it was met by a reception committee from Roxboro. Invitations to the luncheon had been extended for Roxboro by William C. Massey, secretary of the chamber of commerce. Escorted by a convoy of automobiles containing members of the reception committee the visitors were shown about the progressive town of Roxboro. Then they inspected a large dam in course of construction about four miles from the town that will, according to official estimate, furnish a supply of wholesome water adequate for the needs of a city larger than Greensboro. Speeding several miles further over Person county's excellent system of highways the visitors were carried to Leek Lilly, a beautiful body of water situated several miles north of the town, a famous play ground of the community.

**Enjoyable Luncheon.**  
Returning to Roxboro a bountiful luncheon, prepared by the Woman's Club, was served. The banquet has complete in every detail. The occasion was enlivened with music furnished by the Roxboro orchestra.

Matt R. Long, president of the chamber of commerce, and toastmaster, welcomed the visitors in appropriate manner, after the affair was started with the singing of America and with prayer by Rev. J. B. Martin, of Roxboro. J. W. Simpson, Greensboro; R. B. Loyd, Virginia; and Dr. Thomas F. Opie, D. D., Burlington, responded to the welcoming speech.

In brief speeches the proposal to make the Burlington-Roxboro road one of the principal arteries of travel between the north and south discussed by F. O. Carver, Roxboro; R. B. Turner, from the Virginia end of the trail; Joseph W. Noell, Roxboro; Robert L. Holt, Burlington; and O. F. Crowson, Burlington. W. C. Boren, chairman of the Guilford county highway commission, responding to calls of "Speech," briefly expressed his views upon the subject under discussion. Other guests and Roxboro people joined in the general discussions that followed.

**Greensboro Praised**  
The singing of Mrs. H. W. Newell, Roxboro, was an enjoyable feature of the luncheon.

Old fashioned hospitality has cooled perceptibly in some localities but in Person, on the Carolina side of the state line, and in Halifax just on the north in the Old Dominion state, the stranger is welcomed in the same hearty fashion and the handshake is just as sincere as it has ever been. So when feasting and speech making was over in Roxboro the visitors were whisked in cars over 17 miles of sandclay, and soon found themselves in the border town, Virginia, where additional preparation had been made to welcome the road enthusiast.

In a grove in the edge of town ice cold drinks, ice cream and cigars were served to the evident enjoyment of the visitors most of whom had traveled many miles over scorching roads under the blistering rays of a June sun for many hours.

People in Virginia, Roxboro, Burlington and other points along the way are loud in their praises of Greensboro. They say they want a better and a more direct way to reach Guilford, and they believe Greensboro will reap large material rewards in the way of additional traffic when a shorter route is provided, aside from other benefits to be derived from a closer relationship between the cities, towns and villages included. Over the route followed today by the Greensboro delegation coming to Roxboro the distance is approximately 65 miles.

**BUYS AN INTEREST.**

Mr. Simon Goodfriend, who has been connected with the firm of A. Lipshitz for the past several months, has bought a half interest in the firm. In the future the firm name will be A. Lipshitz & Company. Mr. Goodfriend is exceedingly popular and will be quite an addition to the firm.

**LAWN PARTY.**

The Ladies Aid Society of Hurdle will give a lawn party Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Everybody is invited.

## THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

### OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Of Beulah Baptist Association With Clement Baptist Church June 21, 1923.

Watch Word: "For ye serve the Lord Christ."

Morning session: 9:45, devotions by Mrs. Minnie M. Anderson, returned missionary from Peking, China. This was a most interesting part of the program brightened here and there with little human stories full of pathos about the Chinese, their customs and the little children.

10:00. Roll call of societies.  
10:15. Welcome address delivered in a most gracious manner by Miss Ruth Harris of Clement church. Response by Mrs. John Winstead of Roxboro.

10:30. Business. Report of Junior Superintendent, Mrs. S. O. Garrett, Jr., of Semora. Mrs. Garrett had a splendid report, made all the more interesting by her own charming personality.

Report of Mission Study chairman, Mrs. Fred Upchurch of Yanceyville. Mrs. Upchurch was absent so the report was given by Mrs. R. L. Wilburn of Roxboro.

Report of Stewardship committee chairman, Miss Bertha Wilson of Providence church, Caswell. Miss Wilson in a splendid speech showed the great importance of stewardship in our churches and what it means to us to tith.

Report of Personal Service chairman, Mrs. D. W. Bradsher of Roxboro. One of the best and most complete reports of the meeting. We had just cause to feel proud of what our women had done in one short year for the relief and help of humanity.

Report of secretary and treasurer, Mrs. James Gatewood of Danville, Va., Providence, Caswell, church.

Report of Superintendent of the Association, Miss Ella Thompson of Leasburg and Lea Bethel church. This was most interesting of the whole meeting, showing what our societies had done during the year, then with a splendid address and appeal Miss Thompson urged the societies to come up to their pledges on the 75 million for the coming year the last of the five years of the campaign.

Mrs. R. L. Wilburn of Roxboro further explained the work and its needs with hand painted posters which she had painted for the meeting.

11:45. Address by Mrs. Martin W. Buck of Burlington, vice-president of Greensboro division. This was a most inspiring address delivered in Mrs. Buck's own inimitable and charming manner, showing the importance of little things and how they lead on to great and mighty things, illustrating from history little things that had a mighty influence later on in the history of the world, then showing the small timid beginning of the W. M. U. work and leading up to the great accomplishments of the past year.

12:30. Committees appointed.  
Afternoon session: 2. Devotion and address, "What shall we do with the child in our midst," by Miss Elizabeth Briggs, State Junior Superintendent, Raleigh. This was a delightful service for the children and Miss Briggs made it all the more interesting to children and grown ups also with a number of beautiful dolls dressed in the costumes of foreign nations where we have missionaries, telling pathetic stories of these children who so much need the help that we are trying to send them. Then her appeal to the mothers and the children for sacrifice and service in this great department of our work.

2:30 Address by Mrs. Minnie M. Anderson. This address was full of information concerning our work in Peking, China, with numbers of foreign stores of conversions and sacrificial service of the missionaries and the natives. Mrs. Anderson illustrated her address by interesting things she had brought from China—embroidered mandarin jackets, hats, shoes, charms, chop sticks, etc.  
3:10. Our Training School at East Durham in charge, also Miss Ferguson made a splendid talk. Both

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS.

By the Secretary.

The writer does not mean to encroach upon the privileges of the Editor in speaking of the Highway Luncheon, and will leave the description to him; but cannot forbear expressing publicly his cordial thanks to the Woman's Club and its committee, our young and talented musicians, the young ladies gracefully serving the viands, and to Mrs. Kaplan for the use of her beautiful hall, as well as all others who in any wise participated.

Many kind expressions of the success of the luncheon have come to this office, and they are passed on, with our appreciation to those who united in the most perfect team work imaginable.

Generous, kindly offers of assistance came from all quarters, and indicate the interest felt in the town's undertakings. The object of the meeting was not alone a good time, but to give an impetus to the highway project which will aid in putting Roxboro on the map. Undoubtedly this was done, and work on it is now progressing.

Having shown what we can do in this matter, it is time now to "whirl 'em," as Henry Grady once said, and get that railway station matter back on the skids. That is going to take team work also, and a mass meeting will be held at the Court House on Monday night, 9th instant, in order to get expressions on the best site and to try to unite all parties on one. When that is done we should be able, as "The Town of Roxboro," to get the railroad to locate the station. What Mr. Noell so definitely and pleasingly stated at the luncheon on "United Effort" applies equally to the station project. The time has come to get it. Let's do it.

## MISS CHEEK ENTERTAINS

PHILATHIA CLASS.

Friday evening from 8:30 o'clock, until 11, Miss Mary Cheek was hostess to the members of the Philathia class of the Baptist church, and several invited friends, at a delightful party. Chairs were arranged on the spacious porch and lawn, where the guests assembled after being cordially greeted by the hostess. Lovely ferns and summer flowers were attractively placed about the porch. The guests were given a contest which occupied their time for half an hour. This was a "summer romance," and made in book form. Magazines, pins and scissors were given the young people, and they were asked to illustrate the designated pages with pictures cut from the books. Miss Elizabeth Masten was the lucky one, having the most complete and was presented a miniature house, mounted on cardboard. Then followed a short musical program by Mrs. T. C. Bradsher, who gave several numbers, and Miss Masten, accompanying, and rendering a piano selection. Following this was a word building contest, and Mrs. W. S. Clary, Jr., having the greatest number of words was presented a piece of handwork. Progressive conversation concluded the program, and after this the hostess assisted by her sisters, Mesdames D. W. Ledbetter and W. E. Carver, served delicious cream and cake.

## REVIVAL AT CONCORD.

Revival services began at Concord Methodist church last Sunday morning. Pastor Thompson doing the preaching on the first two days. Unusually large congregations were present both Sunday and Monday. Rev. J. W. Bradley of West Durham arrived yesterday morning and will conduct the services the remainder of the week, preaching twice daily, 11 A. M. and 2 P. M. The public is cordially invited to these services.

## REVIVAL AT LONGHURST CLOS.

The revival meeting at the Longhurst Methodist church came to a close last Friday night, after continuing for nine days. The religious life of the entire community was greatly revived, and the effect of the meeting was far-reaching. The Christian people regardless of denomination joined hand in hand to make the meeting a success, and the two churches, the Methodist and the Baptist, were greatly revived, and each received a large number of members as a result of the meeting. About fifty people united with the two churches. Those joining the Methodist church were received Friday night at the close of the service, while the Baptist church opened its doors and received its new members Sunday night at the regular service. Rev. Wm. Stewart, of Burlington, did the preaching and Rev. R. C. Goodchild, also of Burlington, led the singing. These men are very earnest and faithful workers, and practically everybody in Longhurst learned to love them. People who have lived in Longhurst for many years say this was the greatest and best revival that has visited the little mill village.

## DEATH OF MR. A. P. KITCHIN.

Mr. A. P. Kitchin, who formerly practiced law here, died at his home in Scotland Neck last Thursday. Mr. Kitchin was a brilliant lawyer and was well and favorably known by most of our citizens.

## A FREAK POTATO.

Mr. L. J. Stanfield was showing a freak potato one day this week. Not only did the vine produce potatoes from the roots but also had potatoes on the vine, something we never saw before, though old people say it is not uncommon.

## Society

The Bridge club met with Miss May Willson on Wednesday afternoon. Five tables were arranged for the game. The house was lovely with flowers which lent an attractive glow to the rooms. The hostess, assisted by Misses Isabel deVlaming and Christine Walker served a delightful salad course with ice tea. Those enjoying Miss Willson's party were: Mesdames A. S. deVlaming, A. M. Burns, T. B. Woody, S. A. Jones, C. A. Armstrong, Walter Jones, W. S. Clary, Jr., E. V. Boatwright, J. J. Winstead, J. W. Noell, G. W. Kane, W. T. Long, R. A. Pass, E. G. Long, E. Eberman, Misses Elizabeth Harvie, Isabel deVlaming, Christine Walker, Elizabeth Noell and Mary Harris.

On Monday afternoon from 4:30 to 6:30 Mrs. W. S. Clary, Jr., and Miss Elizabeth Noell entertained in honor of Mrs. Leonard Hurley. The guests were welcomed at the door by Miss Elizabeth Noell, then Mrs. Clary introduced the guest of honor, after which they were served punch by Mrs. W. C. Bullock and Miss May Willson. Twelve tables were arranged for the game of Boston rook and after many progressions the hostesses, assisted by Mesdames J. W. Noell, M. A. Stewart, W. C. Bullock and Miss May Willson served ice cream and cake and salted almonds. Silver salt and pepper shakers were presented to Mrs. Hurley.

The guests were: Mesdames A. S. deVlaming, Preston Satterfield, Connor Merritt, A. M. Burns, Mrs. E. C. Winchester of Monroe, J. A. Long, J. D. K. Richmond, P. B. Henley, W. C. Bullock, Sallie Morris, M. A. Stewart, S. A. Jones, C. W. Armstrong, of Salisbury, R. L. Harris, Ruth Stephens, J. J. Winstead, H. W. Winstead, E. P. Dunlap, Geo. W. Kane, N. Lunsfeld, W. T. Long, W. C. Watkins, E. V. Boatwright, E. E. Thomas, B. A. Thaxton, Wheeler Newell, T. C. Bradsher, J. Y. Banks, R. A. Pass, W. T. Pass, Burley Clayton Otis Wilkerson; Misses May Willson, Isabel deVlaming, Eglantine Mervet, Alma Iwen of Lexington, Helen Hurley, Elizabeth Harvie, Mary Harris, Mary Lee Crowell, Mary Cheek, Bertha and Annie Clayton, Annie Laurie Barnett, Evie Long and Edna Bradsher.

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There will be an ice cream supper on the lawn at the Helena M. E. church Friday night July 6th. Everybody invited. Everybody come. There also will be a "Trip around the world," beginning at 7:30 Tuesday night July 10th. The public is invited.

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## OFF FOR WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH.

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## SPECIAL SERVICES IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

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Rev. V. E. Duncan, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist church will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to these services.

## VETERINARY GRADUATES ARE HOSTS AT BANQUET

Faculty of U. S. College Deliver Addresses—Hold Commencement Tonight.

Short addresses by members of the faculty featured a banquet given by the graduating class of the United States College of Veterinary Surgery at the Occidental Hotel last night. (The banquet marked the final get-together meeting of the faculty and students prior to commencement exercises at the school tonight, at which time certificates of graduation will be awarded.)

Dr. H. A. Locke urged the class to co-operate with their fellow physicians and never to disparage a fellow practitioner. Dr. S. Gochenour urged the class to be thorough in their work. Other members of the faculty who spoke were Dr. H. S. Gamble, Dr. Roy Sexton, Dr. F. M. Ashbault and Dr. C. Hoofman.

Members of the graduating class are: E. J. Bonneville, president; C. F. Stroehlein, R. Parker, A. C. Lowe, Thomas T. Smothers, O. G. Davis, L. C. Purnell, C. C. Steibing, W. Fritz, Harry Edwards and B. McIntosh. Dr. William H. Collins, dean of the college, expressed his regrets at not being able to attend.—Washington Star.

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