

HARD-SURFACE MILEAGE
NOW 18.46 MILES

Raleigh, June 30.—Announcement is made by H. K. Witherspoon publicity engineer of the State Highway Commission, that the hard-surface mileage of the State is now 1846; gravel, shale and topsoil, 3,112; dirt road under State control, 10,044 miles. Total composing the State highway system 6,002 miles, the major portion of which has been constructed since the passage of the first road bond bill by the General Assembly of 1921. Mr. Witherspoon also announces the discontinuance of the state Highway Bulletin of which he has been the guiding spirit the past several years.

MINE RELIEF FUND
"OVER THE TOP"

Raleigh, June 30.—The Coal Glen Mine Disaster Relief Fund has reached expectations and gone "over the top". Responding to the proclamation of Governor McLean the people of the State have contributed \$35,404.38 or more than \$400 in excess of the amount said to be needed. The Red Cross is disbursing this fund on the basis of the actual needs of the beneficiaries.

FIRE LOSS FOR MAY HEAVY

Raleigh, June 30.—Stacey W. Wade, insurance commissioner, states that the first loss in the State during the month of May exceeds the "sizeable" sum of \$361,400 and that the number of fires reported is 156. Value of property at risk \$1,431,070, on which there was insurance aggregating \$806,920. The larger blazes occurred at Morganton, Burlington, Shelby, Smithfield, Ayden, Hamlet and Wadesboro.

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for several days, suffering from the effects of a vaccinated arm.

Mrs. Carey J. Hunter and Mrs. E. B. McCullers left Wednesday for Dallas, Texas, to join a tourist party for an extended trip across the continent to the Pacific Ocean and up the Pacific to points in Alaska. They expect to be away about three or four weeks.

ERROR CORRECTED

We are in receipt of a letter calling attention to an error that occurred in the Thanksgiving news items published in the issue of June 19. The item stated that "Mrs. Bessie Corbett spent last week with Mr. W. G. Earp." The letter did not give the correction to be made, but we presume that the printer left the "s" off of Mrs.

FIVE COUNTIES ARE STILL WITHOUT SCHOOL BUSES

Raleigh, June 30.—Children in by-gone days "ploughed the mud" for miles to reach the school house. Not so these days. The State Department of Education finds that school buses have been carrying 69,391 pupils to school daily the past year. Total daily mileage of buses serving 2,006 schools is reckoned to be 40,765 in ninety-five of the 100 counties supplying the children with this convenience. 1,318 buses were operated in 1923-24 covering 26,354 miles daily and transporting 48,251 children. The counties of Alleghany, Cabarrus, Macon, Cherokee, and Perquimans have not yet taken this advanced step in connecting their boys and girls with the school house.

Hazel and Inamay Pearce, Onie Watson, Claudie Boykin, Eunice Daniel, Jackson and Rader Collier. Miss Ethel Daniel Daniel assisted Mrs. C. W. Pearce in serving. The little hostesses received many useful presents. Rev. S. H. Styron, of Pine Level, was in town Tuesday. Mrs. Dora Pollard and Mrs. Vinnie Parker, of Smithfield, spent Monday afternoon in town. Miss Maggie Pearce was the guest of Mrs. R. C. Pearce Sunday.

Clayton

Clayton, July 1.—Mrs. Paul H. Waddill spent several days this week at Carthage visiting Mr. Waddill's parents. Mr. Garland Sasser, of near Goldsboro, spent last week here with his uncle, Mrs. Leslie Sasser. Mr. B. S. Hall, of St. Petersburg, Fla., spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. J. S. Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Arthur, of Lexington, Va., are visiting relatives in Clayton this week. Miss Penelope Nichols, of near Durham, spent last week end here, the guest of Mrs. J. W. Mayo. Mrs. Bennett Poole, of Winston-Salem, spent the last week here with her grandfather, Dr. J. A. Griffin. Dr. and Mrs. M. G. Talton, of Oxford, spent Sunday in Clayton with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. D. G. York and little son, Richard, of Sanford, were the guests of Mrs. Hugh A. Page last week. Mrs. G. T. Smith and Miss Barbara Guley, spent last Thursday in Lillington, the guest of Mrs. J. B. Tugwell. Mr. Cedric O'Neil is out again after having been confined to his room

Miss Omega Degg, of Leafboro, returned home Tuesday after spending some time here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wellons. Mr. John Harrison Parker, of Selma, was in town Friday. Mrs. Cora Fitzgerald and son, Henry, went to Smithfield Thursday on business. Mr. and Mrs. Isham Pittman, of Wilson, were in town Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Creech and Tom Bagley went to Smithfield Monday to attend a meeting of the W. O. W. Mr. Henry Wellons, of Washington, D. C., came Tuesday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wellons, for a few days. Dr. M. Hinnant and little daughter, Evelyn, and Mr. L. D. Hinnant went to Raleigh on business Wednesday. Mr. Frank Collier returned to Clinton Tuesday after spending some time with his father, Rev. W. T. Collier.

Messrs. Wade Pearce, William Boykin, C. W. Wellons and W. N. Barden and little Waidsworth Pearce at dWalter Boykin spent Wednesday at Sasser's spond fishing. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boyett and children spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Boyett's aunt, Mrs. Jane Hinnant, who has just returned from the hospital. We are glad to know that Mrs. Hinnant is much improved. Miss Sadye Atkinson, of Carter's Chapel, and Miss Pearle Pearce were the guests of Miss Ethel Daniels Saturday night. Mrs. Evelyn Peacock, of near Kenly, spent Friday in town. Rev. Troy Phillips assisted Rev. Troy Phillips assisted Rev. Johnnie Alford in the services at the Free Will Baptist church Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Crumpler, of Smithfield, spent Saturday night with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Crumpler.

Quite a number from in and around town attended the Ham-Ramsay meeting last week. Miss Fanny Wellons was the guest of Miss Caroline Fitzgerald Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Fitzgerald returned to their home in New Bern Thursday after spending some time with relatives in town. Mr. Joe Collier, of Wilmington, was in town this morning. Mrs. B. E. Barnes and children returned home Sunday after visiting her sister, Mrs. Bessie Outland, of near Pinkney.

Professor Spencer and Rev. Billy Everett, of Ayden, were in town Sunday night. Mrs. W. A. Smith, of Columbia, S. C., and Mrs. E. S. Peele, of Durham, spent a few days here with their parents, who are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Rob Moore. On June 29, little Misses Hilda Gray Pearce and Louise Corbett, were entertained at a birthday party. They were born on the same day and their mothers, who are sisters, gave them a party to celebrate their eleventh birthday. Their cakes holding eleven candles were very attractive. Cake cream, candy and fruits were served. The guests played many games and enjoyed the evening very much. Those present were: Katie Corbett, Evelyn Hinnant, Sadie Barden, Pauline and Minnie Gray Boyett, Ilamay Fitzgerald, Edith Ausley,

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Creech and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Creech's sister, Mrs. P. B. Stevens, and attended the Ham-Ramsay meeting at Smithfield. Mr. Guy Powell had the misfortune of losing a valuable bull dog last week. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Staring visited relatives in Princeton the past week end. Mr. Ashley Powell's baby was right sick Sunday. The recent heavy rains have gotten the farmers busy through this section. Miss Estelle Powell, of Rocky Mount, is visiting her brother, Mr. Ashley Powell, this week. Smithfield, Route 2, July 2.

Meadow

Messrs J. L., D. C., and Garland Smith spent Saturday in Durham visiting Mr. C. H. Smith who has just been operated on. Messrs Will Furlong and Brain Rodgers spent the week end in Swansboro. Mr. Walter Furlong spent the week end in Washington, D. C. Several of the farmers are very much aroused by the work that the boll weevil is doing. They do not know whether to spray or not, but many are planning to spray. The farmers of this section are beginning to barn tobacco. Many of the people of this section attended the annual singing convention that was held at Benson Sunday. They were very much pleased with the sermon preached by Rev. M. F. Ham, who for the past few weeks has been conducting a revival at Smithfield. Miss Annie Belle Hood has recently returned home after attending school in Rocky Mount. Mr. E. A. Tart spent Tuesday in Raleigh. Mr. G. W. Strickland and family have been visiting friends in Sampson county. Miss Allie Holly has returned to Raleigh after spending several weeks with relatives in this section. Benson, RFD, July 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Woodall, of Benson, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lassiter.

Mr. Dalma Johnson, of the Johnson school section, was in this section Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. David Lassiter and Reuben Lassiter motored to Smithfield Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. David Barbour, of near Lillington, spent the week end in this community with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Penny attended the big singing at Benson Sunday.

Mr. Glenn Lassiter, of the Spilona section, passed through our community Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Ransom Penny made a call in the Spilona section Sunday afternoon.

Misses Ida and Neva Langdon attended service at Hopewell church Sunday morning.

The Smith club met with Mrs. M. P. Lassiter Monday afternoon.

Dr. G. A. McLemore, of Smithfield, passed through our community Monday.

Mr. Munden, of Wyoming, spent a short while in our community Sunday with friends.

Four Oaks, Route 4, July 1.

Sanders Chapel

The Ham-Ramsay meeting has been well attended from this section. Mr. Randen Hill, Mr. J. K. Sanders and Thel Eason went to Raleigh on business Friday afternoon.

Mr. John B. Godwin, of Benson, visited at the home of Mr. A. R. Caudill Sunday.

Mr. Thomas LeMay, of Smithfield, made a business call in this community Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Gladys Godwin and Miss Lallan Lee, of near Benson, are spending the week with their aunt, Mrs. Ida Caudill.

Miss Lillie Daughtry is attending summer school at Duke University.

Mrs. W. A. Underwood, of near Clinton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. B. Stevens, this week.

Mrs. Janie Lewis and children, of Smithfield, visited Mrs. Lewis' brother, Mr. Smith, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. A. R. Caudill visited friends in Raleigh recently.

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Miss Mildred Bowers spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. P. H. Holland.

Polenta

Rev. Chester Alexander delivered a very interesting sermon at Oakland church last Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Williams, of Giro, visited Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones, last Sunday. We are very sorry to report that Mrs. Hines is very sick. We hope she will soon be out again. Mr. W. D. Tomlinson is also on the sick list and we are glad to hear he is improving. Lightning struck the house of Mr. Waylon Stephenson last Thursday knocking Mr. Stephenson down, and throwing the baby out of her mother's arms and against the side of the house. The lightning struck the chimney, running down into the house, and also killed two dogs which were lying under the house near the chimney. No serious damage was done. Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Barbour, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Barbour and children, of Clayton, attended the vocal union in Benson last Sunday. Mr. Walton Booker is spending some time in Wilmington. Miss Gretchen Barbour, of Clayton, is spending this week in this section. Mrs. Z. T. Jones has returned to her home here with Mr. J. E. Jones, after visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Poole, in Raegh. Miss Hattie Jones has returned home after visiting Mrs. Raleigh Bryan in Raleigh for several days. Mr. Fred Cyples and Mr. Sellers, of Raleigh, visited in this section last Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Turner and daughter, Miss Alice Hart Turner, of Raleigh, visited at the home of Mrs. E. N. Booker last Sunday. Misses Monevah and Gretchen Barbour and Miss Hattie Jones visited in Raleigh last Monday night. There will be services at Oakland church on the second Sunday night at eight o'clock by Rev. Chester Alexander. Everybody is invited to attend. Clayton, Route 1, July 2.

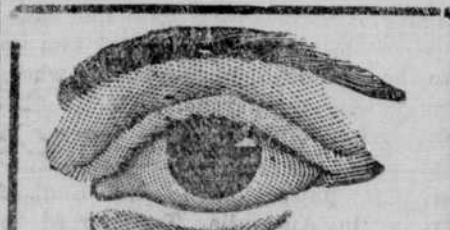
Smith

The people of this section were very glad to see the good rain we have had. Rev. M. Hinderlite of the Pleasant Grove section, spent Sunday night in our community. Miss Mabel Lassiter has returned home from a visit to her grandfather in Lower Johnston. Messrs. Kasey, Johnson and Johnnie Southerland, of Johnson school section, spent Sunday afternoon in our section. Mr. and Mrs. David A. Lassiter and Mr. and Mrs. J. Vadon Lassiter spent Sunday at Wilmington. They report a nice time. Mr. Lynn Williams, of near Pine Level, made a call in our section Sunday. Mr. Reuben Lassiter spent a short while in the Rehoboth section Sunday. Several people of this community have been attending the Ham-Ramsay meeting at Smithfield. Miss Ada Munden of the Hopewell section, was in our neighborhood Sunday.

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