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Swamp Road Movement Successfully Launched

Bad Weather and Worse Roads Did Not Deter Pasquotank Delegation From Keeping Appointment

TO COST TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS

But With Two Counties And Elizabeth City Interested Amount Can Be Raised

A delegation from the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce left at 9:45 Friday morning in automobiles for Acorn Hill in Gates County where a picnic was to be held to definitely launch plans for the building of a highway across the Dismal swamp from Tadmore section directly into Gates County.

If Manager Pugh of the Chamber of Commerce had in mind to show Elizabeth City folks who furnished automobiles for the trip the need of such a highway he certainly succeeded most admiralby well, for in order to get to Acorn Hill from Tadmore it was necessary to make a detour of over twenty miles while the two neighborhoods are just across the swamp from one another.

Rainfall in the early morning made the going unusually bad and the progress consequently slow, but did not deter the Elizabeth City aggregation from keeping their appointment with their Gates County neighbors.

At Tom Jone's store in Tadmore a number of Newland farmers were taken on the automobiles and the joint delegation arrived at the picnic grounds just as the picnic dinner was being served.

The visiting crowd had prepared for an early start and after about four hours on rough roads were thoroughly ready to do the Gates County ham, fried chicken and other good things ample justice.

Following the dinner, the crowd repaired to improvised seats in a new frame building that was going up on the grounds for the speaking and in spite of threatening weather the whole crowd remained until the exercises were over.

Mr. S. I. Harrell of Sunbury was master of ceremonies. He stated the object of the meeting, welcomed the visitors and introduced Congressman John H. Small.

Mr. Small said that with the growth of civilization the question of distribution increases in importance. He went on to point out that the three great arteries of commerce are the railways, the waterways and the highways. The railways are built and operated for the most part by private capital, whereas the highways and waterways belong to the people and if there is to be any development of these last two channels it must be by public support.

"If, therefore, the people of any community lack good roads, it is not their public officials who are to blame, but they themselves. The people of North Carolina have learned to co-operate and have built better schools and good churches. Why can they not do this in the matter of good roads?

"A man never flatters his friends and, therefore, because it is my unceasing effort to be your servant and your friend, I must tell you plainly that the roads of many of the counties of this section of the State are a shame and a disgrace to our intelligent citizenship. There is a great need for leaders who are unselfish, intelligent and conscientious to bring this truth to the people of this section in such a way that the roads of the section may be brought to the state where they will reflect credit and not discredit upon us.

"Finally, in regard to the proposed road which you are planning to undertake today, I wish to say that the construction of this highway is no less to your interest than it is to that of Elizabeth City. You need a competitive market and a nearer market for your products and the securing of such a market would mean a great deal to the development of your section."

Others speakers of the afternoon were, J. C. Harrell of Sunbury R. W. Simpson of Trotville, Geo. J. Spence and J. E. Wilson of Elizabeth City. The chairman then introduced Mr. Pugh who proceeded to get down in short order to the brass tacks of the situation by laying before the audience the plans of the proposed highway.

The cost is estimated at $10,000. It is proposed to raise this by private subscription together with appropriations from the commissioners of the Two counties and perhaps also from the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Aldermen of Elizabeth City.

Mr. Pugh at the close of his talk passed around subscription cards which were taken by those present. Quite a number signed pledges to make contributions toward the $10,000 needed, so making a very encouraging beginning toward making the highway across the Dismal Swamp from Tadmore to Gates county an actual fact.

Governor's Party Injured In Accident

(By United Press)

Deleware, Ohio, Sept. 30—Governor Frank B. Willis, the Governor's wife and his daughter, were injured here today in an automobile accident. No fatal injuries were sustained but all three are in the hospital.

CAN'T PREACH TO PLEASE SINNERS

Clergyman Resigns Rather Than Run His Church Like a Grocery Store—to Please Customers

(By United Press)

Baltimore, Sept. 30— The Rev. Mercer Green Johnston who resigned the pastorate of Holy Trinity Church, Newark, N. J., rather than preach to please the sinners is to arrive here Monday "to organize a fellowship of clergy who shall fight for freedom and preach the gospel of social righteousness."

"My vestrymen wanted me to run my church like a grocery store—to please the customers," said the Rev. Mr. Johnston, "and I couldn't quite do it. I turned loose some real religion. The church wanted the conventional and it objected. I imagine this element in the vestry represents the real desire of the congregation— for 'brilliant piffle;' as I have heard it described. A phonograph and a few well chosen records could deliver the kind of religion they want. Then, too, one can control a phonograph with a touch of the hand."

The idea of preaching "straight from the shoulder religion" came to The Rev. Mr. Johnston prior to 1914 when he with Richard Wallace Hogue, The Rev. A. W. Arundel of St. George, New oYrk and a dozen others deliberately planned to preach twentieth century religion from the Episcopal pulpit and take what consequences were coming. Mr. Hogue left his church and Dr. Arundel resigned from Trinity Pittsburgh in 1913.

The Rev. Johnston will be associated with Hogue in his work in Baltimore. It is possible that he may take another parish but only on a warm invitation from all members and with the frank understanding that he will speak his thoughts with limitation from the church members.

Trespasser Escapes Dogs

A trespasser in the back porch of the home of Dr. C. B. Williams on North Road street, between eight and nine o'clock last night, while Dr. and Mrs. Williams were in Norfolk, and the little folks were with relatives in the city, attracted the attention of Dr. Williams' mother, Mrs. R. J. Williams, who lives next door. As he began making an effort to enter the house, Mrs. Williams called to him and asked him what he wanted. He answered that he was lost and ran.

Dr. W. W. Sawyer notified the police, who called Mr. Shores and his dogs to their assistance. The dogs went on the job at ten minutes to nine o'clock and chased the intruder until midnight. He led them from the back lot of the house to Glade street, from Glade to Harney, down Harney to Broad, then up Poplar, back to Walton, into Pennsylvania Avenue, then to Florida street from Florida to Martin, to Matthews and to Water. From the iron foundry on Water street he led them to Polk Boyce, then to Kramer's Mill, to Pearl, to Pearl to Martin again, back into Michelle, back out of Harney to Harney, out of Harney to Cypress, down Cypress to Beech, up Beech to Blake, down Blake into Harney, out Harney to Main, down Main to Dyer, down Dyer to Fearing, from Fearing to Water, where the trail was lost.

While the dogs were on the trail between Pennsylvania Avenue and Matthews street Officer Griffin on Water street bridge saw a man in a boat going from the direction of Poindexter street bridge. As soon as the occupant of the boat saw the dogs he landed back of the iron foundry and it was at this point that the trail was picked up after it had been run out at Matthews.

The excitement was made on the streets here this morning that had not a large part of the town been out at the Carnival, since the chase began so early. It would have brought half the city out of doors. On the other hand, as the chase passed Burgess street some one called to one of the officers that their man was a half hour ahead of them, and it is possible that all others who were at home when the chase began would have remained discreetly indoors.

IT'S HARD WORK ON THE BORDER

No Eight Hour Day For Soldiers But a Steady Program of Cleaning-up and Drilling

By WEBB MILLER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 30—It is not a vacation—this job of being a national guardsman down on the border. No matter what their occupation in civil life the civilian soldiers are now working harder than they ever worked before. And they are doing it cheerfully.

Here is a guardsman's day. If he belongs to the cavalry or artillery. The infantry varies little except there is no horse to care for.

At 5:30 the "guardie" rolls out of his cot—if he has one—to the shrilling of the bugle. After dressing and washing, he has thirty minutes to feed, water and curry his horse and "police" the company streets. Policing is only a sweeter name of the work done at home by the 'whitewings."

At 6 o'clock the bugler blows the most popular noise on the border—the mess call for breakfast. Then more policing and tidying up of the tents. About 7 o'clock attention is turned to the stables and further policing ensues for an hour.

By this time the sun is blazing and the temperature is climbing. The real work of the day begins. From 8 until noon the practical work of making citizens into soldiers goes on out on the naked sun-baked plains back of the huge encampment. The drilling covers every possible activity of a soldier. It is man's work—every minute of it.

Sometimes the morning drills are replaced by a six-mile hike out into the desert. Again the horses have to be brushed, watered and fed before dinner. The noon mess-call sounds at 12 o'clock.

From 1 to 3 o'clock is fatigue—or the rest period. It is utilized for officers and non-commissioned officers school and to instruct the men in some of the fine points in the care of guns and equipment. At 3 o'clock there is another drill period.

It is the hottest part of the day. Fresh from factory and office this is most pailing work on the men.

The afternoon drill period is responsible for the song entitled "oh, we'll re-enlist—like hell we will," a favorite of the civilian-soldiers in their tents at night.

About 4:30 "stables" sounds and the horses must be cared for again. The evening meal comes at 5:30. After that there is another short drill at "retreat" and an inspection, and guardie has nothing to do until tomorrow—except be in his tent by 11 o'clock taps sound.

HOTEL DESTROYED

Normandie, N. J. Sept. 30—Hotel Normandie by the Sea was entirely destroyed last night at an estimated loss of $75,000. The caretaker was the only occupant.

FANS HUNT SUNNY SPOTS

And See Phillies Jump to First Place in National League

(By United Press)

Brooklyn, Sept. 30—The Phillies jumped into first place this morning in a gripping race for the National League pennant when they beat the Brooklyn Dodgers this morning by a score of 7 to 2. Philadelphia, 10 hits 3 errors; Brooklyn 5 hits, 1 error.

About 3,000 shivering fans snuggled deep in overcoats hunted the sunny spots on the bleachers this morning while the Phillies and the Dodgers [illegible] in the second game of the National League leadership series, taking up the argument where they left off when the cloudburst interrupted it yesterday.

Philadelphia jumped to the lead in the first inning with two hits scoring 1 run. Philadelphia added another in the second. Brooklyn scored in the third.

Enthusiastic Meeting Held

Plans for the proposed highway connecting Norfolk, Elizabeth City and Edenton were discussed this morning in the offices of the Chamber of Commerce. While no definite action was taken much interest was manifest and the Highway Association hopes that by the time weather opens in the spring and conditions for road construction in this section become favorable the actual work on the boulevard can be begun. This is the substance of a statement given following the meeting to a representative of this newspaper, by Mr. W. T. Old of Norfolk, President of the Association.

It is the hope of the association that both State and Federal aid may be secured for the construction of this highway and Mr. M. W. Ferebee, Representative-elect to the Legislature from Camden county was among those present and he assured the meeting of his willingness to co-operate with them in every way possible in their undertaking. Delegations from Currituck, Perquimans and Camden were present and were enthusiastic for the boulevard.

Hughes Sets Record Pace

(By United Press)

Hornell, N. Y. Sept. 30— Hughes finished his twenty thousandth mile as presidential campaigner here in his Home State, New York, today. This is said to establish a record for candidates.

It is estimated that Hughes addressed a million and a half voters since he started his tours August the fifth. It is no wonder that the candidate shows fatigue in every line in his face, his eyes rimed with dark circles and his voice cracked under the strain. One thing is still unimpaired his own enthusiasm for winding up with a big meeting in Buffalo tonight. He returns to New York tomorrow, then will rest before a final tour which keeps the candidate on the road until October 14th.

To Sail For Europe

New York, Sept. 30—J. P. Morgan is booked to sail for London today to float the new quarter billion dollar British loan, according to reports in financial circles. Henry P. Davison, Morgan's partner, has been engaged several weeks presumably in arranging the details of the loan which is to be secured mainly by American securities.

FLYING CORPS JOIN THE ALLIES

Greek Fleet Goes Over To Allied Navy And Quiet Reigns Along The Somme

(By United Press)

London, Sept, 30 — Dispatches from Athens state that the entire Flying Corps of the Greek navy has joined the allied fleet.

The British during the night improved their positions north of Thiepval and beat off all German counters.

The French advanced north of Rancourt but rainstorms continue to hinder operations and a day of quiet reigns along the Somme.

News from Rome is to the effect that the Italian press enthusiastically approves Lloyd George's pronouncement to the United Press that England is prepared to carry the war to a knockout.

The interview is regarded in Rome as a warning to the Vatican as well as to the UnUited States not to make peesce overtures at this crsis.

Wilson Speaks To Young Men

(By United Press)

Asbury Park, N. J. Sept. 30—President Wilson today will sound a call to the young men of the country to join the Democratic party. In his speech at Shadow Lawn delivered before the Young Men's League of Demacratic Clubs, President Wilson will define what he believes are the real issues of the campaign.

Brewers Go Back To Work

(By United Press)

New York, Sept. [illegible]—While labor leaders have been casting about for some means to restore confidence in the striking carmen the general sympathetic strike has gradually dwindled in strength. Six thousand brewers constituted half of the workers who left work in sympathy and they returned today to work.

Relatives Attend Funeral

Attending the Kramer funeral Friday from out of the city were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Russell of Bedford, Pa., F. S. Kipp of Lawton, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Kramer of Edenton.

The body of Mr. John A. Kramer was interred with Masonic rites in Hollywood cemetery Friday afternoon immediately following the funeral service in the home which was conducted by Rev. C. B. Culbreth, pastor of City Road Methodist church, at half past three o'clock.

The active pall bearers at the funeral were: A. B. Houtz, P. S. Phipps, J. T. McCabe, C. W. Melick, W. W. Woodley, L. C. Lassiter, P. W. Whedbee and Edson Carr.

The honorary pall bearers were the directors of the First National Bank and of the Elizabeth City Hosiery Company. These are: C. H. Robinson, L. S. Blades, D. B. Bradford, E. F. Aydlett, L. C. Blades, E. R. Daniels, S. H. Johnson, C. O. Robinson and O. F. Gilbert.

Mr. Kramer is survived by a wife and three sons: Harry G. Kramer of the Savings Bank and Trust Company, J. Howard Kramer and Frank E. Kramer. Also he leaves three brothers: A. K. Kramer, Joseph P. Kramer and C. E. Kramer, all of whom are identified prominently with the business and financial interests of the city.