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THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Probably local showers on Thursday. Moderate northeast and east winds.

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E. CITY-WEEKSVILLE HIGHWAY NEW TYPE ROAD FOR COUNTY

**Differs Radically From Brick Streets of City in Materials and Method of Construction
Cost of Entire Road Not to Exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars**

Work on the Elizabeth City-Weeksville Brick highway is getting well under way.

Tuesday afternoon the forms had been removed from the first block of paving laid and the block, with all outside cement dry, gave one a pretty clear idea of what Pasquotank's first paved rural highway will look like when completed.

There are brick streets in Elizabeth City. But the brick road from Elizabeth City to Weeksville will differ radically from the city's brick streets.

In the first place the method of construction is different. Laying machinery is making the construction gang on the new road relatively small. Instead of the small army of men with the wheelbarrows dumping on the road bed the material used for a "cushion" or foundation for the paving there is a machine which by means of a broad belt conveys this material from small cars into which it is loaded to the concrete mixer and this mixer in turn dumps the material wherever it is needed. It only remains then to smooth the cushion over to make it ready for the laying of the brick.

But before the cushion is laid the road bed is rolled with a ten ton roller. And after the brick have been laid on the cushion a five ton roller goes over them to give the paving a smooth surface.

In the second place, the materials used on this county highway are different from those used on the city's brick streets. The bricks themselves are different. They are wire cut and thus the surfaces of the brick in contact when the paving is laid are rough instead of smooth, giving the binder a more prehensible surface to take hold of. And to insure the binder's getting between the brick there are "lugs" or depression in this rough surface which have the effect of leaving special interstices between the brick at intervals.

The advantage of using this sort of brick is apparent when one observes the nature of the binder that is being used in this paving. In Elizabeth City when streets were paved with brick the filler and the foundation were both of sand. On the Elizabeth City-Weeksville highway, though various types of foundation will be used, in every case the paving will be "groated" or bound together with a cement filler. This filler is applied thin on the surface of the brick. The lugs or interstices allow it to percolate readily between the brick, while the rough surface of the brick gives the binder something to take hold of.

The first brick on the proposed highway were laid between the two cement bridges recently constructed on the proposed route near Weeksville. On this particular stretch of road the brick are being laid on a dry cushion of a mixture of sand and cement. After the bed has been laid off the ten ton roller is run over it to smooth it out and give the cushion a firm level foundation. Then the sand and cement are conveyed to the mixer by the machine already referred to, and after they have been thoroughly worked together the mixer dumps the mixture in little heaps on the bed. The heaps are leveled and a beam is drawn across the cushion to give it a smooth surface. On this cushion the brick are laid. They are then gone over with the five ton roller to make the paved surface uniform.

The pavement is then wet down with a thin cement filler which percolating between the brick moistens the sand cement cushion beneath and solidifies it. When the filler has dried and the steel forms, serving as temporary curbs on either side of the paving are removed the road presents the appearance of a solid block.

Other types of foundation or cushion are to be used according to the nature of the road bed. Where the bed is low and spongy the brick will be laid on a concrete base. The road from the present stretch to Weeksville will be of this type. Work was begun on this side of the bridge instead of right at Weeksville where the road will end because the gravel for the concrete had not arrived when Engineer Higgs was ready to begin paving.

Where the road bed is high and well drained the brick will be laid on a sand cushion, but whatever the type of cushion the cement filler will be used as a binder. Where the paving is laid on a sand cushion a larger brick will be used.

There seems to be little question that Engineer Higgs is going to build from Elizabeth City to Weeksville the best stretch of brick paving ever laid in Pasquotank county. Some who have observed the expensive machinery purchased and the costly materials used in construction have expressed a fear that the county's entire bond issue of half a million dollars will be expended before the road is completed. But County Engineer Higgs told the Highway Commission when the building of the road was undertaken that the cost of construction would not exceed two hundred thousand dollars.

"If I don't keep within that estimate," he said yesterday, "I'll leave the county next day." Mr. Higgs says that up to the present time the costs of construction have run below his estimates.

There has been some criticism of the Highway Commission for building the brick road around the swamp instead of on a direct line through the swamp to Weeksville. But Engineer Higgs told the Commission that the nature of the land was such that the road through the swamp would cost more than the road around the swamp, despite the added mileage that would result from going around the swamp.

The purchase of five big Sterling trucks from a Norfolk dealer for hauling the materials along the route is another matter that has been the occasion for some criticism among Pasquotank tax payers. It is claimed in some quarters that the trucks might have been purchased through a local dealer at considerable saving to the county. Members of the Commission say that while this may be true the time for the local dealers to have advised them as to this was before the trucks were purchased. And, they say, if, with equipment scarce and hard to get, they were a bit hasty in the purchase of these trucks, the mistake is not one that will impair the road or that, comparatively, will add greatly to its cost. "We would hardly be human if we could spend a half million dollars without offending somebody, or making some mistakes," said a member of the commission yesterday.

"If a man pays too much attention to criticism he'll go crazy," says Engineer Higgs. "What we've got to do is to build this road." And to one who took the trouble to go and look at the work Mr. Higgs appeared to be right on the job.

GIRLS WIN PRIZES AT STATE FAIR

Three Pasquotank County Canping Club Girls won prizes last week at the State Fair with their products. Pasquotank County girls know all about winning prizes at the community fairs and something about District Fair prizes, but they have not tried for prizes against so many competitors before, and this year has been a most trying one on account of the scarcity of products to can.

The winners of the State Fair prizes are: Margaret Harrell, Forks, Club, First Prize on Baby Beets. Lida Davis, Sound Neck Club, Second Prize on Rat Tail Beans, Second Prize on Soup mixture. Sarah Evans, Salem Club, Second Prize on May Peas.

The prize winning jars will be on exhibit in Scott & Twiddy's windows in a few days.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR GAS COMPANY

Manager Stallings Succeeds In Efforts of Several Months To Give Patrons Better Service.

J. T. Stallings, manager of the local gas company, has just received a letter from H. D. Mitchell, general manager, advising that the company is now receiving bids on materials looking toward the extension and improvement of the Elizabeth City plant.

Mr. Stallings has been trying to get these improvements thru for several months, and it is with much rejoicing that he has received news that they have been authorized.

The improvements will make possible a great improvement in the services. Mr. Stallings says.

SAYS PETROGRAD WILL NOT FALL

Lieut. Col. Malone Returning From Investigating Trip Tells of Conditions

Helsingfors, Oct. 29.—Lt. Col. Malone, member of the British House of Commons, has returned after a daring visit to Petrograd and declares he is convinced after investigation of the political and military situation of Russia it is probable that Petrograd will fall this winter. He says that reports of dissension among the Bolsheviks are untrue and Lenin and Trotsky appeared to be working in entire accord.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

Miss Margaret Griggs and Mrs. R. L. Kendrick gave a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Hattie Glover, Wednesday afternoon at the home of Miss Griggs on church street.

Beautiful decorations of cut flowers and potted plants were everywhere, and after several games of rook a telegram announced that according to the weather man, per Cupid, "Outdoors is fair and flowery, but in the dining room it's showery." Over the table in the dining room festoons of tulle and rainbow colored ribbons led to the shower of gifts. The favors were wedding bells and hearts, and the delicious menu consisted of creamed chicken, patties, hot rolls, cheese apples, salted nuts, pickles and hot tea.

The guests were: Misses Helen Wood, Nellie Wood, Lottie Mae Bennett, Miss Dew, Miss Pickard, Misses Maude Palmer, Olive Aydlett, Sue Grice, Fannie McMullan, Maude Moss, Lillian Whitehurst, Anna Whitehurst, Ruth Reid, Shelton, Zoeller, Hattie Glover, Eunice Hall, Mrs. Ada Lester, Mrs. Oscar Owens, Mrs. Edwin Aydlett, Mrs. Duckworth Glover, Mrs. F. M. Grice, Mrs. W. C. Glover, Mrs. Noah Burfoot.

REVIVAL BEGINS NOVEMBER 16

Rev. M. F. Betts of Raleigh will begin revival services at Blackwell Memorial Baptist church on November 16th. Besides being an evangelist, Mr. Betts is also a solo singer of considerable note.

TRUSTEES DECIDE ABOUT CHOWAN

West Chowan Association Instructs Trustees to Decide Where College is to be Located

The delegation appointed to attend the West Chowan Association and present the advantages of Elizabeth City as a site for Chowan College has returned. The committee was composed of Rev. H. K. Williams, Mr. J. G. Gregory, Mr. P. S. Vann, Mr. C. A. Cooke, Rev. P. G. Harrill, Dr. W. W. Sawyer and Rev. A. A. Butler.

The Association did not take the responsibility of moving the college, but instructed the trustees of the college to decide the matter and to consider the offers. The trustees will first decide whether or not the college shall be moved from Murfreesboro at all, and if they decide to move it, will then consider all offers and decide upon them.

It is generally believed that the college will be moved to a town more accessible than Murfreesboro, and there is considerable hope that Elizabeth City will be the place selected. Meanwhile Elizabeth City will keep working toward that end.

BOLL WEEVIL IN NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh, N. C. Oct. 29.—The cotton boll weevil has to date been found at Tabor, Freeman and Bolton, in Columbus county, and on the edge of Wilmington in New Hanover county. Since these two counties are north of Brunswick county, the weevil is assumed to be established there also. R. W. Leiby, Entomologist of the Agricultural Experiment Station, in speaking of the spread of the weevil, stated that a search had been made as far north as Burgaw and Hampstead in Pender county and as far west as Chadbourne in Columbus county, but that it had not been located at these points. During the coming week continued search will be made by members of the Division of Entomology, Department of Agriculture in an effort to locate the northern limits of spread of the weevil.

In each case where located the weevil was found to be actively breeding. At Wilmington, particularly, half grown grubs of the weevil were found in the young green squares, which indicates that it had been present in the state about two weeks before being located. The damage, however, to this year's crop will be negligible, since the squares in which the weevil is now breeding would not mature cotton this season. However, it appears that the weevil may succeed in maturing a brood this year with in the state, and this will cause greater destruction next year.

It is predicted by Mr. Levy that the weevil will cause little destruction in the Southeastern corner of the state next year, but that the year following its work will be very strongly in evidence and will cause great losses to the farmer who depends only upon cotton. Already reports have been received of the depreciation of the value of cotton land in Columbus county. This is declared to be untimely by Mr. Leiby since the best way to beat the boll weevil is to grow less cotton and more of other crops.

The boll weevil spends the winter in the adult stage. It produces a number of generations during the year, requiring only twenty-one days with favorable conditions to develop from the egg to the adult stage. Winter weather, therefore is an important factor in the increase or decrease of the weevils. But the pest has been known to survive zero weather in Louisiana, and it is believed that it will readily withstand North Carolina winters.

PRAYER MEETING

The prayer meeting service at the First Methodist church will be conducted this evening by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Ormond and everybody is invited to attend. The hour for the service is seven-thirty.

TWENTY ONE ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR

(By Associated Press)
Muskegon, Oct. 29.—Twenty-one persons are officially unaccounted for today and fourteen are known to have lost their lives in the sinking yesterday of the steamer, Muskegon.

GARFIELD CONFERS WITH TUMULTY

Federal Fuel Administrator Expresses Confidence That Coal Strike Will Be Averted

Washington, Oct. 29.—Federal Fuel Administrator, Henry A. Garfield, discussed the threatened strike of the coal miners today with Secretary Tumulty at the White House. He was summoned here from Williams College of which he is president.

Garfield, who still has power as Fuel Administrator, said he was in close touch with the entire strike situation and expressed confidence that a settlement will be reached without the walk out of the miners.

ARREST SIX IN NEW BOMB PLOT

Planned to Spread Terror Thruout the Land by Explosions Next Spring.

Cleveland, Oct. 29.—The discovery of a radical plot to spread terror throughout the nation by another series of bomb explosions next Spring was announced today by the police here following the arrests last night of five men and one woman suspected of planning the destruction of the police station here.

REPORTED U. S. WILL NOT AGREE

Paris, Oct. 29.—Rome dispatches indicate that considerable concern has been caused there by the report that the United States would refuse to accede to the Italian proposals regarding the Adriatic problem.

CRITICISM IN CONSTANTINOPLE

Constantinople, Oct. 29.—Unfavorable criticism has been caused here by dispatches from English and American sources to the effect that the United States would not accede to either the Armenian or Turkish mandates.

PRESIDENT NOW MUCH IMPROVED

Washington, Oct. 29.—The President's improvement has reached the stage where his physicians have decided to issue no more daily bulletins.

HARD DRILLING FOR FRIDAY GAME

Coach Holmes is giving the High School Football Team the finishing touches of what has been a season of stiff coaching in anticipation of meeting the hard fighting gridiron gladiators from Washington High School. The local football fans are eagerly expecting a good game Friday.

The game will be called at four o'clock at the end of Main street. Admission prices are 15 and 25 cents.

CHIEFS MEET DECEMBER 30TH

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Oct. 29.—The chiefs of the international unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor were called today to meet here on December 30th to formulate such action as may be essential to safeguard and promote the interest of wage earners.

JENNETTE—CULPEPPER

One of City's Most Loved Young Women Weds at Two O'Clock Today

A beautiful home wedding was solemnized Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Culpepper when their daughter, Miss Margaret Culpepper, became the bride of Mr. Warren H. Jennette. Festoons of ivy, masses of evergreens, ferns, golden chrysanthemums, and the light of cathedral candles were used in the beautiful decorations which formed the background for the wedding scene.

The wedding music was exquisitely rendered by Mrs. M. Leigh Sheep, and just before the ceremony Miss Eunice Hall of Southmont, N. C. sang "Because I Love You, Dear." Mrs. L. R. Foreman, sister of the bride, was dame of honor. She was gowned in a handsome gown of peacock jetadeau, wore a black picture hat and carried a bouquet of Russell Roses.

The bride, wearing a beautiful traveling suit of blue duvetin, with hat and accessories to harmonize, carried a bouquet of brides roses and entered the room on the arm of her father. At the improvised altar she was met by the groom with his best man Mr. Lawrence Jennette, and the vows were spoken before Rev. J. M. Ormond in the presence of members of the immediate family, the impressive ring ceremony being used.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennette left on the three o'clock train for a tour of northern cities. Upon their return they will make their home on West Main street.

The bride was the recipient of many beautiful gifts, expressive of the high regard in which she is held. Besides being attractive, capable and popular with her own coterie of friends, she has the distinction of being loved by everybody from the tiny tots to the really old people, and there is no one who does not respond to her cordial manner and cheery greeting on the street, at church or in public affairs, or at her own home. Mr. Jennette, who is a prominent business man of the town, a member of the wholesale firm of Jennette Brothers, is being most sincerely congratulated, and the good wishes of their many friends will follow them into their new life.

AUSTRIAN LEAD'S HEARD TODAY

Severely Censured for Ordering Cession of Hostilities 30 Hours Too Soon

Vienna, Oct. 29.—Generals Von Arc and Waldstaeten of the Austrian army, who have been severely censured for cessation of hostilities on November 3rd, 1918, thirty hours before the armistice with Italy became effective, were heard today in secret session and a committee appointed to investigate.

It is claimed that the Italians concluded the offensive and captured three hundred thousand during the period mentioned.

HELD INTERESTING MEETING

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew met Monday night with Mr. W. A. Worth on Church street.

This was one of the most interesting meetings of the brotherhood held this fall. Besides a large attendance of members Rev. J. M. Ormond, pastor of the First Methodist church, was present, and also Mr. B. W. Johnson of Norfolk. Both gave splendid talks, after which refreshments were served by the host.

MINE WORKERS TO TAKE ACTION

Annapolis, Oct. 29.—The executives of the United Mine Workers of America met here today to take final action on President Wilson's appeal that the nation wide strike of soft coal miners ordered for November 1st be called off.