

WEATHER

Fair tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy. Little change in temperature. Moderate to fresh winds.

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Knobb's Creek Bridge Still The Big Jinx

If State Specifications Are Complied With To The Letter, As State Highway Commission Maintains They Must Be, County Will Do Well To See Bridge In Use By Next Spring

Knobb's Creek Bridge still stands out head and shoulders above everything else in this section as the big jinx of the road builders.

First the County Highway Commission could get no steel for the reinforcement of the bridge and everybody prayed for a speedy settling of the railroad strike so that steel could get here and the people of the County could use, without detours, the new road from Elizabeth City to Newland.

Finally the steel came; but glee reigned for a very brief period, for after it came it was no earthly good to the builders when they got it. Another difficulty had arisen.

The specifications of the bridge stated that the piers must be started at a depth of nine feet below low-water level. This seemed easy enough and the piling was started; but before the piling had reached the required depth, it stopped and could be driven no farther. Examination disclosed that about three feet below the surface of the water there was a veritable network of juniper and cypress stumps that could not be penetrated.

Accordingly work stopped until the State Highway Commission, which had made the plans and specifications, could be appealed to.

At the request of T. L. Higgs, engineer for the County, State engineers came to Elizabeth City to view the situation. Mr. Higgs explained to the State officials that it would be a wasteful undertaking to cut out all the stumps and asked if he could not build directly on them, explaining that those stumps would probably be there as long as the bridge and moreover would be as solid for foundation purposes as the piling would be.

But the State engineers were immovable. Those specifications said nine feet below low water, and nine feet they had to go if it took a year to do it. So today workmen dig and dig with grubbing hoes and axes to remove the stumps from the foundation site of the bridge.

Present indications are that if the State Highway Commission's specifications are carried out Elizabeth City will be fortunate to see the Knobb's Creek Bridge completed by next March.

Many Foreign Entries In Automobile Races

Indianapolis, Oct. 31 (By The Associated Press) — For the purpose of receiving foreign entries in the 1923 International 500-mile automobile race, to be held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, May 30, 1923, T. E. Myers, general manager of the speedway, has called for Europe, according to an announcement of Carl G. Fisher, president of the speedway company.

Indications point to the largest foreign entered field in the history of the race, according to Mr. Fisher. Foreign manufacturers, he pointed out, have been experimenting with cars of the smaller dimensions for more than two years and, with the reduction of the size of motors eligible for competition here next year from 183 cubic inches piston displacement to 122 cubic inches, European automobile engineers are said to be making plans to retrieve the lost honors of the automobile classic.

Foreign cars took the honors at the speedway from 1916 to 1919 inclusive, but in 1920, when the size of the entrants were limited to motors of 183 cubic inches piston displacement, the Americans were victorious, repeated in 1921 and again last May.

Mr. Myers will spend six weeks or more with W. F. Bradley of Paris, the speedway's foreign representative. Together they will confer with the majority of the larger automobile manufacturers of Europe, Mr. Fisher said.

Now Investigate Mrs. Gibson's Past

New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 31 (By The Associated Press) — The past of Mrs. Jane Gibson, eye witness to the Hall-Milla killing, was investigated today following reports that she is the wife of William Easton, of this city instead of the widow of a clergyman. She denies the reports. Easton says he has nothing to say.

Climbing To Crest Of Prosperity Wave

Business Of Nation Making Strides, Says H. C. Bright, Just Back From North

That the country is rapidly climbing to the crest of a wave of prosperity unequalled in the history of the nation, is the opinion of H. C. Bright, manager of the Bright & Company jewelry store, who has just returned from a trip to the North.

"Never in all my buying expeditions have I found the spirit of confidence that now prevails among the big business concerns that are manufacturing and marketing the staples of the world," said Mr. Bright. "The factories are back on a hundred per cent working basis in so far as it has been possible for them to fill their work rooms with the skilled labor that is necessary to them."

"During the past war period, it will be remembered, business came to a standstill, factories were closed, mills were forced to cease production because of no outlet for their goods, and a near panic ensued. During this period the bread lines of New York lengthened, unemployment throughout the country was general and the manufacturing centres of the nation became seething caldrons of economic anarchy."

"It was believed that a period of at least ten years would be consumed in bringing the economic situation of the country to normalcy, but the present conditions of the business, according to statements of some of the keenest business minds in New York City, have proved the falsity of that belief by the progress that has been made in the last six months."

"First," continued Mr. Bright, "to show marked improvement, was the Middle West, and today the situation and prospects, for that section of the country have never been equaled and it, perhaps, at this moment, has more buying power than it has had since it became a great part of the nation's active business. In the offices of the large manufacturers in New York, they will tell you, without hesitation, that your orders will be subject to delay in shipment because production at present is away under demand. In most cases, they will conservatively allow themselves from three to four weeks in which to start shipment from their factories and it is hard to get a substantial promise from them with even that much leeway."

"We can well afford, however, to put up with this condition if the business expansion demands it, and it seems to be the intention of the manufacturers to give every advantage they can, to the South, knowing as they do, the disadvantages that the South labors under, in the accumulation of its stock of goods."

"The patterns this year," continued Mr. Bright, "are the most beautiful I have ever seen, and the general trend of prices are astonishingly low."

Search For Bodies Of Missing Girls

New York, Oct. 31 (By The Associated Press) — Search for the bodies of several girls believed to have been lost in the fire last night, which destroyed a manufacturing building in Brooklyn is under way. A man who jumped from the fifth floor was killed and eight others injured.

MARRIED HERE MONDAY

James E. Meador of Washington, D. C., and Miss Mary Dickson of Baltimore, Md., were married Monday morning by Dr. S. H. Templeman at his home on West Main street.

RODANTHE BRIEFS

Rodanthe, October 24 — Captain J. A. Midgett and Ira Midgett spent Wednesday in Manteo on business.

Miss Ellie Meekins is spending the week end in Manteo attending court.

Mrs. E. M. Hooper of Stumpy Point spent Wednesday night with her daughter Miss Blanche Hooper who is teaching here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Twiford of Stumpy Point spent the day here visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Blanche Hooper spent last week end with Miss Annie Douglas of Salvo.

Miss Eliza Goule spent a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Midgett Sr.

Elery Midgett, George Midgett, Miss Gertrude Midgett and Miss Sid-Sidney Baudeurline who are attending school at Manteo spent last week end at home with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Midgett are visiting at Harbinger.

Abdication Is Out Of Question

Constantinople, Oct. 31 (By Associated Press) —

The abdication of the Sultan temporarily is out of the question under the truce with the Nationalists whereby his status is held in abeyance pending the conclusion of the Near East peace conference, according to the chief of staff and Nationalist governor of Thrace.

AMERICA SENDS FORMAL REPLY

Declines Allied Invitation For Participation In Conference At Lausanne

Washington, Oct. 31 (By The Associated Press) — The formal reply declining the Allied invitation for American participation in the Near East conference in November at Lausanne was forwarded from the State Department through the British, French and Italian embassy today.

The reply was brief and directly worded informing the European government of the American attitude and reasons for sending only observers as already set forth in instructions to American embassies abroad.

JUDGE KERR SPEAKS TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

Hertford, Oct. 30. — Superior court for Perquimans County convened at 10 a. m. on Monday, Judge J. H. Kerr presiding.

A large part of the morning was taken up in impaneling the jury.

A departure from usual practice was noted in the number of school children that were present to hear the judge's charge to the jury. It was ascertained, however, that the children were there at the request of Judge Kerr.

This is an innovation in this district and bears the imprint of a well designed plan to instruct the future makers and dispensers of the law.

As his reason for taking this step Judge Kerr said in part: "Not many years hence these children will be taking the place of the adults of today and the youthful minds should receive training in the best form of government as soon as they are old enough to assimilate that knowledge."

"In my belief," he continued, "mankind is a pretty good sort of animal, made in the image of God and closest of all created creatures to the spirit and general conception of the Father and with proper teaching is inclined to be a law abiding unit in the scheme of the universe. For teaching them the glory and majesty of the law, there is no better time than at the very first stepping stone of citizenship, when they are in the public schools. At this time they may easily acquire a love and respect for the law which is indelibly imprinted on their mind in the days of their youth and which will last them through life."

Many expressions of appreciation of the Judge's demonstrated interest in the growth, morally and mentally, of the youth of the city were heard in the streets of Hertford, and his charge to the jury was pronounced a masterpiece by those who heard it.

Carnival Train Hit Three Are Killed

New Orleans, Oct. 31 (By The Associated Press) — The Southern Pacific passenger train west bound from New Orleans crashed into the rear end of the Wortham Carnival Company train early today near Adeline. Three are reported killed and six injured.

BREAKS COLLAR BONE

Wayland Britton, ten-year-old son of Mrs. Mary L. Britton, suffered a broken collar bone while playing at recess Monday afternoon. He was taken immediately to Dr. C. B. Williams' office to have the bone set, and Tuesday he was getting along well but compelled to stay in bed.

Bankers Launch Campaign Take Mystery Out Banking

Talks On Elementary Principles Of Economics And Banking To Be Made By Prominent Bankers To Pupils In Advance Grades Of Public Schools Every Month In School Year

Under the direction of Marshall H. Jones of Elizabeth City, chairman of Group One of the North Carolina Bankers Association and ex-officio chairman for this group of the Public Education Committee of the State association of bankers, elaborate plans are being worked out for the presentation, in the higher grades of the public schools of the fifteen counties embraced in this group, of a course in the elementary principles of economics and banking whereby it is hoped to take out of these subjects much of the mystery with which they are enshrouded in the popular mind and thus to lay the foundation for the inculcation of the lessons of thrift and sound business practice in the minds of the rising generation.

This course will be presented through a series of talks on banking and elementary economics which will, by the co-operation of the teachers and of the county and city school superintendents, be made before the more advanced grades in practically every school in each of the fifteen counties embraced in the territory of Group One of the North Carolina Bankers Association.

In this work Mr. Jones is co-operating not only with the Public Education Committee of the State association but with the same committee of the American Bankers Association as well. Every state in the Union is endeavoring to equal the record of Pennsylvania which has succeeded in organizing this work in every county in that state. Mr. Jones has an unusually wide territory to cover in the group of which he is chairman, but his plans to make the organization one hundred per cent efficient in each of his fifteen counties are already virtually complete.

In Pasquotank Gurney P. Hood is County chairman, and associate members of the Pasquotank Public Education Committee are Superintendent of City Schools S. L. Sheep, Superintendent of County Schools M. P. Jennings, Principal A. B. Combs of the Elizabeth City High School and Editor Herbert Peele of The Daily Advance.

For Camden County P. H. Williams of Elizabeth City is chairman and Superintendent of Schools L. L. Stevens is associate member.

For Currituck County W. W. Smith, cashier of the Bank of Currituck at Moyock, is chairman and Superintendent of Schools W. D. Cox of Moyock is associate member.

For Perquimans County L. W. Norman of the Hertford Banking Company is chairman and he will appoint associate members of the committee to serve with him.

In Dare County R. Bruce Etheridge of the Bank of Manteo has been named county chairman and he will appoint the associate members of the Dare County committee.

In each of the remaining counties of the group a prominent banker has been named as chairman with authority to select the associate members of the committee to act with him.

The plan as formulated by the American Bankers Association is to have one talk for each of the nine months of the school term. In Pasquotank and the other counties embraced in Group One of the State association, owing to the shortness of the school term in many instances and to the fact that the plan has been a little slow in getting under way as a result of the late opening of many of the rural schools, it is planned to have one or more speakers at each school for two days during this month.

In the rural schools the talks will be given probably on Friday and patrons of the school will be invited to attend.

"Thrift," says Chairman Jones, "is one of the fundamental virtues. Not only is any true financial success impossible without it, but experience and observation confirm one's faith that the lesson of thrift early learned is the best insurance for the inculcation of common honesty, integrity and uprightness."

"Let the young man get the habit of having money and it not only adds to his financial resources. It multiplies his usefulness in every field of human endeavor.

"Much of the carelessness about money matters, especially among young people, is due to ignorance. To dissipate this ignorance in youth, so to make the path to thrift easier and more attractive, is the object of the educational campaign upon

MAY FIGHT TO FINISH

London, Oct. 31 (By The Associated Press) — The so-called co-operative pact of Governmental Conservatives and Lloyd Georgian National Liberals today seemed near a smash-up that may force Lloyd George to carry out his threat and wage a finish fight on the men who brought his downfall.

The trouble seems to be that Conservative candidates bobbed up to oppose the candidates of the Lloyd George banner in places regarded immune from Tory attacks.

HAD TO PAY DAMAGE DONE NEW FORD COUPE

Taxed with the costs and required to pay the damage done to the car of L. C. Fletcher of Weesville Saturday night and put under suspended judgment of a thirty day jail sentence was the justice meted out in police court Tuesday morning to James Rodgers, colored resident of Sawyertown, this city.

Mr. Fletcher lives below Weesville, and he it was who won the Ford coupe awarded as a prize by the Albemarle Fair Association this year. Fletcher was returning home in his new coupe about midnight and stopped his car when he saw another car stalled in the road ahead of him. The negro, who was driving behind Fletcher, crashed into Fletcher's car before he could stop and was before the recorder on a charge of reckless driving.

The estimated damage done Fletcher's car amounts to \$50.

PADRICK YOUTH PREACHES SERMON

Statesboro, Ga., Oct. 31 (By The Associated Press) — After leading the court room in prayer and taking the stand in his own defense, Rev. Elliott Padrick, youthful Methodist preacher, on trial for killing his wife and her mother, preached a sermon from the text "Thou shalt not."

During the sermon Padrick became excited and was ordered to sit down by his own attorney. Padrick stopped in the middle of a sentence, walked to the water cooler for a drink, returned to his chair and went to sleep.

In his sermon Padrick blamed women for the downfall of man. He singled out his father-in-law and accused him of forcing his marriage with his daughter.

DAIRY WAGON WEDNESDAY

Wednesday will probably bring the delivery wagon of the Oak Grove Dairy on the streets of Elizabeth City, according to Mills Bell.

They are now milking cows that are producing from four to six gallons of milk per day and with 32 of these the proprietors of the dairy think they will have no trouble in supplying the demand.

The proprietors of Oak Grove Dairy are Dr. C. D. Bell and Mills E. Bell of this city and A. G. Root, practical dairyman who comes here from Wisconsin. Mr. Root is general manager.

Explosion Kills Miner

McAllister, Okla., Oct. 31 (By The Associated Press) — Hall Stephenson, miner, was killed in an explosion in the McAllister-Edwards Company mine at Pittsburg, near here, yesterday.

which the American Bankers Association is embarking. The North Carolina Bankers Association will give the national organization hearty and, I hope, complete support. I regard this campaign as one of the biggest things North Carolina bankers have ever undertaken."