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CONCRETE INSTEAD OF GRAVEL LIKELY

Virginia Highway Officials May Change Specifications of Road from Deep Creek to North Carolina Line.

Norfolk, Sept. 10.—Concrete, instead of clay gravel, may be used in the construction of Route 12-X, between Deep Creek and the North Carolina line, according to developments since the state highway commission announced last week the plans of Portsmouth and Norfolk county officials relative to building of the 13 miles of highway.

It was reliably stated in official circles last night that a determined effort will be made at the joint meeting of the city and county road committees Tuesday to change the specifications, as originally agreed upon, from gravel to concrete.

Those who advocate the construction of a concrete highway declare that no other road would be adequate to compete with Route 27, running through Great Bridge, which will be constructed of concrete.

An effort on the part of Norfolk business men, officials pointed out, to have Route 27 constructed as soon as possible, emphasized the need of a concrete highway between Deep Creek and the North Carolina line, if Portsmouth is to retain the source revenue derived from the bulk of the North Carolina traffic passing through the city.

Is Shorter Route

According to the highway officials, Route 27 is 10 miles longer than Route 12-X from any point in North Carolina to Portsmouth and Norfolk.

Officials believe that if Route 12-X is constructed of clay gravel instead of concrete, motorists will prefer to travel 10 miles further over a concrete route, rather than use the shorter gravel road route, thereby diverting traffic entirely away from Portsmouth, and the ferries, over Great Bridge road and thence to Norfolk.

Portsmouth merchants will be asked to attend the special meeting Tuesday, it is said, for the purpose of bringing every influence to bear upon the members of both committees, in behalf of a concrete construction road over Route 12-X.

No Financial Barrier

It is understood that there is no financial barrier to cope with, in so far as the financing of the concrete construction of the road is concerned. It was authoritatively stated that arrangements have already been made to finance the project, with the assurance that the city share of the burden, which amounts to \$162,500 will be returned to the municipal treasury upon the completion of the road work. The county, it was pointed out, is in a position to advance its share of the cost immediately.

The city's share of the cost will be returned, it is said, by virtue of the fact, that 12-X is a Federal road, and that funds, such as the city will advance, are payable on the part of the Government immediately after the construction work is finished.

H. G. Shirley, chairman of the state highway commission, officials say, has already agreed to build any type of road—the city and county officials might suggest. The gravel road was asked for by county and city officials during a recent conference with highway officials in Richmond. Mr. Shirley assured them, it is said, that it does not make any difference to the state what material is used in the construction of the roads, stating that either bituminous macadam, gravel bound macadam, concrete or gravel could be specified.

Construction Cost Reduced

Highway officials who have made a survey of the canal bank road, say a concrete highway could be built there cheaper than in any other part of the state, as all materials could be lightered to the point of discharge, thereby eliminating all truck and team hauls.

The engineers estimate that the road could be built in six months, owing to operating under exceptionally favorable conditions.

It was pointed out that in view of the comparatively short time needed for the construction, that the city's interest burden would extend over a period of less than one year.

NEW FREIGHT LINE BEGINS THIS WEEK

A new freight line from Baltimore to Elizabeth City begins operation about Wednesday of this week.

Captain L. W. Nelson purchased the freight boat "Defiance" at a recent sale under libel and is being overhauled and will soon be in shape for operation.

Weekly trips will be made from Baltimore to Elizabeth City. This line will be of considerable advantage to wholesale business houses in Elizabeth City.

MISS NELLIE STRAHL IS NOW A NOTARY PUBLIC

Raleigh, Sept. 10.—Notary of the public licenses have been issued at the office of Governor Morrison to the following persons: J. C. Lawrence, Raleigh; Miss Annie M. Aderholdt, Statesville; T. C. Hyman, Fayetteville; H. V. Rose, Smithfield; Miss Nellie G. Strahl, Elizabeth City; T. R. Wall, Greensboro; J. A. Warren, Chapel Hill.

ORDER PASSIVE RESISTANCE END

(By The Associated Press)
London, Sept. 10.—Populations in the occupied areas of Germany have been ordered to discontinue their passive resistance to the French and Belgian authorities, according to the Central News, correspondent in Berlin.

URGE PURCHASE OF DISMAL CANAL

Carolina and Virginia Will Unite Forces During Convention of Deeper Waterways Association.

Norfolk, Sept. 10.—Virginia and North Carolina will combine forces during the convention of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association here November 13 to 16 for furthering the movement on foot to have the United States buy the Dismal Swamp Canal and keep it open as a free waterway.

This project long has been before Congress, and industries along the route have brought all their influence to bear in favor of Government purchase and operation. Renewed efforts now are being made to crystallize sentiment to this end, both in North Carolina and in Virginia.

Unless the Government buys the canal it will be forced out of business shortly, because of the competition brought by the Albemarle-Chesapeake Canal, operated in competition by the Government free of tolls. The owners of the Dismal Swamp Canal have offered to sell for \$500,000, which is said to be about half of its estimated value.

A bill has been before Congress for several years providing for the purchase, and its backers have expressed confidence that it will be passed at the next session, provided the support of the movement can be sufficiently crystallized. The Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association will go into a full discussion of the matter in its forthcoming meeting, with a view to arriving at some means of getting the question, once and for all.

The rich agricultural territory which centers in Elizabeth City, N. C., is deeply interested in the purchase of this canal by the Government, because it is one of the principal outlets to market from that territory. Large lumber industries located on the route of the canal, and many of them established there on the strength of facilities provided by this waterway, are said to be threatened with suspension of operations if the canal is discontinued.

Drainage Now Proposed

Coincident with this proposal to buy the canal and continue its operation, free of tolls, is another proposal made by land owners who hold large areas in the Dismal Swamp, that the old canal be used as the basis of a drainage project which would reclaim thousands of acres of what is said to be the most fertile land in America, but which has been inundated and rendered useless in its present state.

The Dismal Swamp Canal has been in operation for approximately a hundred years, and on its operation has depended the growth of a large section of agricultural territory bordering its route. North Carolina interests are prepared to give their full support to the advocates of the purchase in Virginia.

School Has Opened At Poplar Branch

Poplar Branch, Sept. 10.—Poplar Branch School opened this morning with the faculty of 11 teachers all here, with the new teacherage completed, with the school building renovated and put in complete readiness, and with every prospect for a splendid year's work.

Two new trucks will transport students to Poplar Branch this year, making a total of five trucks bringing in students from other parts of the county.

The children of the primary department will give an entertainment Saturday evening, the chief feature of which will be a Baby Show.

The Parent-Teachers' Association is busily at work assisting in many ways to make the session successful and pleasant.

REVIVAL BEGINS TONIGHT BERA BAPTIST CHURCH

Revival services at Berea Baptist Church begin tonight at 8 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. R. F. Hall, will be assisted by Rev. E. L. Wells of Edenton. Services will be held each afternoon and evening throughout the week at 3 and 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

FORMERLY LARGEST COTTON EXPORTER

Raleigh, Sept. 10.—Col. Charles E. Johnson, prominent citizen of Raleigh for fifty years, and formerly the last largest cotton exporter in the State, died here last night.

Miraculous Escape In Auto Accident

Man And Wife Apparently Get Off With Minor Bruises When Car is Wrecked

News has just reached Elizabeth City of the miraculous escape from death of Dexter Forbes and Mrs. Forbes of Currituck County when the Ford coupe, driven by Mr. Forbes with his wife on the seat beside him, turned a complete somersault when it failed to keep to the road at the curve between Maple postoffice and Currituck Courthouse last Thursday. The curve, which is not a sharp one, is only a few hundred feet from the postoffice.

Mr. Forbes, according to reports reaching here, was taking his wife to a teachers' meeting at the courthouse but was driving recklessly and was apparently under the influence of liquor. The car turned completely over and when bystanders rushed to the wreck it was to find the machine headed in exactly the opposite direction from that which it had when it left the road.

Mr. Forbes escaped with no injury more serious than a severe cut on the arm, it is said. Mrs. Forbes appeared to escape without marked injury of any sort, unless she suffered internal injuries that were not apparent.

Lone Man Holding Policemen At Bay

Bellefonte, Ill., Sept. 10.—Harry Ketter, aged 27, today shot his wife and mother in law, and when a score of policemen surrounded the house, he opened fire on the officers, seriously wounding two of them.

The local police appealed to St. Louis for reinforcements and a gun squad enroute there.

CORINTH MEETING ENDS WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS

The revival at Corinth Baptist Church in which Rev. A. C. Hasty, assisted the pastor, Rev. R. F. Hall, closed Sunday night.

Sixteen members were baptized, seven volunteered for definite Christian service, and there were eight new subscriptions to the Biblical Recorder. Good crowds attended all three services Sunday.

Two Killed When Train Leaves Track

Roanoke, Va., Sept. 10.—Fireman Tolley was killed today and seven persons were injured, two seriously, when the Norfolk and Western south-bound freight train left the tracks a few miles north of here and plunged into a car on which several men were loading lumber. The injured were rushed to the hospital here.

NEW STRENGTH IN THE COTTON MARKET

New Orleans, Sept. 10.—Cotton showed renewed strength today and all months in the contract market went to new high levels for the season.

October rose almost 100 points or \$5 a bale from the early level. A private crop estimate of only 10,250,000 bales, including late, was responsible for much of the buying.

New York, Sept. 10.—Within the first half hour of trading today October cotton advanced 90 points to 23.50, or \$5 a bale above Saturday's closing.

GREECE ACCEPTS COUNCIL'S TERMS

Athens, Sept. 10.—Greece yesterday accepted the terms of the Council of Ambassadors to settle the Greco-Italian dispute.

WANTS LESS TALKING AND MORE BUSINESS

Impressed with the loss of time through so much speech-making at sessions of the City Council, Councilman L. S. Gordon has a plan by which he believes much time could be saved and better results be obtained all around.

He believes that it would be to the advantage of all concerned for anyone having a matter to present to the Council to deal directly with the Council rather than through paid attorneys. Says Mr. Gordon:

"If anyone has a grievance or any other matter which he wishes to bring to the attention of the Council, I believe that he can be heard more promptly and given any relief he may seek equally as effectively if he will put his petition, or what-ever other matter he may wish to present, in writing, and hand it to the member of the Council from his ward.

"This Councilman can bring the matter to the attention of the whole body in a few words and thus more matters of business can be attended to."

HAVE THREE DAYS TO RAISE QUOTA

Elizabeth City Urged by Headquarters to Hurry Contributions to Japanese Relief Fund.

The following telegram has been received by J. H. LeRoy, Jr., chairman of the local chapter, American Red Cross:

"Greatly concerned because no news your chapter relative President's appeal for Japanese. Your quota necessary to obtain your State's goal. Southern division chapter quotas lowest possible and based on every chapter helping. Wire immediately closest your estimate amount can be expected your community next three days."

"As the foregoing telegram indicates haste is half the battle," says Chairman LeRoy, "Saturday's News and Observer contained the following headlines: 'Raleigh passes road by \$1,000; nation giving liberally to help stricken Japan.'"

"Can Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County neglect this opportunity to render a service to humanity? The executive committee of the Red Cross believes that this call will be sufficient to raise the \$300,000 without personal solicitation."

"Let us hear from the individuals. Send your money or check to Harney Jennings, treasurer, care Savings Bank & Trust Company."

"The treasurers of churches and other contributing organizations are asked to send checks for their contributions to Mr. Jennings at once. If some pledges have not been collected report the amount collected and the amount pledged to J. H. LeRoy, Jr., chairman."

Appeal was sent out through the columns of the Advance Saturday to all individuals, churches and fraternal and civic organizations of Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County for contributions to this county's quota of the Japanese Relief. Contributions that have reached the treasurer's hands up to the time of publication of this paper are as follows:

Kiyama Club	\$25.00
W. O. Saunders	\$10.00

Practically every church in the city took a collection for Japanese relief Sunday, but up to 2 o'clock Monday the various church treasurers had made no report to Mr. Jennings.

Jewish Merchants Observe New Year

Rosh Hashana Registers Profoundest Convictions of Jewish People

Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, begins at 6 o'clock this evening and lasts until 6 o'clock Tuesday evening. It is a purely religious occasion, solemnly celebrated in every synagogue and temple throughout the world. The second day of the observance is kept by the orthodox of the Jewish faith with prayers, litanies and songs equal in fervor to those of the first day.

Rosh Hashana registers the profoundest convictions of the Jewish people. Together with the day of atonement which occurs 10 days later, it has always had a unique hold on the Jewish people the world over.

The symbolism of the day was used with great effectiveness in driving home the moral lesson of repentance. The sounding of the ram's horn (Shofar) was to remind the congregation to repent of their sins and to improve their ways that their might rise on stepping stones of their dead selves to higher things and wondrous aims.

The Shofar blasts were intended to signify three dominant ideals of the religion of Israel. These blasts proclaimed the fact that God is King all over the earth, that He is judge of man's deeds and thought and that He is ruler who proves throughout the ages that righteousness and justice are ultimately triumphant.

The New Year's day is therefore a sort of judgment day. According to Judaism judgment day is not held after man has departed this world. Such decisions would be of no value in influencing conduct. But on the contrary judgment day takes place annually in this life in order to make the man better prepared for service to humanity.

Legend would have it that this is the 5634th year since the world has been created. This fiction no longer is entertained seriously. The medieval custom of going to a river or any body of water to cast one's sins into the depths of the sea is likewise obsolete and only half heartedly carried out. On Rosh Hashana greetings are exchanged among friends and kindred and household ties are knit firmer. New Year's cards are mailed to friends and relations and often telegrams are sent by dear ones to their kindred conveying best wishes and hopes of a year of health, happiness and worthiness.

Closed Monday and Tuesday on account of the Jewish holiday are the Elizabeth City firms of Louis Selig, Moses Glasser and S. Ganderson.

SELIG'S CLOSED TUESDAY

Selig's Jewelry Store will be closed all day Tuesday, September 11, which is a Jewish holiday.

FIFTY DEAD IN CALCUTTA QUAKE

(By The Associated Press)
London, Sept. 10.—Fifteen persons are reported killed or injured in the earthquake which shook Calcutta today, says an "English Telegraph" dispatch from that British Indian city.

It is reported that the earthquake occurred in the Nymanshah district where many houses collapsed.

MAY LINK COAST AND COAL FIELDS

Keen Interest in Reports That Henry Ford May Run New Railroad to Southport, North Carolina.

Charlotte, Sept. 10.—Keen interest has been aroused by reports that Henry Ford has scouts in the field seeking a possible route for a new railroad linking the coal fields with the Atlantic seaboard.

A party recently visited Southport and looked it over. The Carolina, Clinchfield and Dills looked Southport over when it was building its splendid road from the coal fields and actually bought waterfront property there and still owns it.

The proposed Ford road would run from the New River and Pocahontas coal country to Southport, report has it. George L. Carter, of Bristol, with a party of engineers, is said to be at work on a survey. Carter was with the Clinchfield construction. The rumored line would run via Hillsville, Virginia, and Mount Airy and Winston-Salem, and on through Carolina to the sea at Southport. Rumor has it that Ford would build an airline road regardless of expense, seeking the shortest route; and rumor also says that a tentative route has been viewed and found to be comparatively level, leading through the mountains.

Such a road, which would bring coal nearer to Carolina industries, and traverse the industrial section of the State, developing a naturally favorable harbor at Southport, affords a subject of much speculation. If constructed it would prove a great developer for Carolina, it is declared.

ANNOUNCE VALUE MERCHANT FLEET

Washington, Sept. 10.—United States Shipping Board officials yesterday announced that the value of the merchant fleet is \$226,733,315.

Twenty-one Ships to be Sold for Scrapping

Washington, Sept. 10.—Twenty-one battleships and battle cruisers will be sold for scrapping next month to conform to the limitation of armament treaty.

Cholera Reports In Tokio Unfounded

(By The Associated Press)
Tokio, Sept. 10.—Reports of a threatened epidemic of cholera in the region devastated by the earthquake are unfounded, according to authorities here.

Sixty thousand bodies have been recovered in Tokio and Yokohama up to and including today, and the police estimate that 100,000 have been treated for wounds and sickness as the result of the earthquake.

A landing party from the United States destroyer, Haron, buried the dead from the American naval hospital at Yokohama.

DESTROYER WRECK CAUSED BY QUAKE

Washington, Sept. 10.—The theory was expressed here today by high naval officials that a tidal wave or other seismic disturbance reacting from the Japanese earthquake caused the disaster to the destroyers off the California coast.

WOULD ASSURE NO INCREASE OF PRICES

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 10.—Governor Pinchot yesterday suggested to President Coolidge that he assure the public of no increase in coal prices.

IRELAND IS MEMBER LEAGUE OF NATIONS

(By The Associated Press)
Geneva, Sept. 10.—Ireland was today unanimously elected to membership in the League of Nations by the Assembly.

MCCABE AND GRICE FEATURE FALL MODES

McCabe and Grice are featuring the new autumn modes at their store this week, and in today's Advance invite shoppers to view the season's styles.

Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Aydlett and children motored to Shawboro and spent the day Sunday.

DESTROYERS ARE BETWEEN ROCKS

Twenty-four Men Killed and Several Injured — Steamship Cuba Also Grounded and Battered to Pieces.

(By The Associated Press)
Santa Barba, Sept. 10.—Twenty-three persons are dead and 15 injured, and seven destroyers of the Pacific squadron of the battlefleet are held fast between the rocks off the point at Arguello Light between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

These are the outstanding consequences of the Navy's major marine disaster in the Pacific waters. The injured are being nursed at hospitals here.

A trainload of survivors is headed for San Diego, while the seven ships are fast approaching total wrecks by incessant pounding of the surf.

The destroyers went ashore while cruising from San Francisco to San Diego Saturday night in the dense fog.

—Mistaken position in relation to the coast line is believed to have caused the crash.

San Francisco, Sept. 10.—Seven United States destroyers were totally destroyed yesterday when they went ashore on the rocks 75 miles north of Santa Barbara, and 24 men were killed and several injured.

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Has Old Letter From Mexico Battle Front

Letter From Soldier Uncle In 1847 Treated By Mrs. Trueblood

A letter seventy six years old, written before the days of envelopes and sealed with wax, by her uncle, Benjamin Harrell, to his father, Joseph Harrell, at Winton, from the battle front during the Mexican war is among the treasured heirlooms of Mrs. Mary Trueblood of this city.

The letter bears the date of April 28, 1847 and is postmarked Brazos, May 16, to which point it was probably sent by courier. The postmark, the address and the body of the letter itself are all still clearly legible and the ink un faded, despite the years since it was written.

The letter tells of the overwhelling defeat of the Mexicans by General Scott at Cerro Gordo on the 15th of April.

With the exception of the concluding paragraph the letter follows: "April, the 28th day of 1847 in Mexico at Comango in the North Carolina regiment of volunteers.

"I expect to leave here in a few days to go to San Luis Potosi or to the capital of Mexico, one or the other.

"Scott and the Mexicans has had another tremendous fight. The number of Mexicans that were killed are too tedious to mention. There were five thousand taken prisoners. Seven of the highest rank of Santa Anna's staff, his horses and carriage and his cork leg and eighteen thousand dollars was taken at the same time. There was in all about one thousand of our men killed.

"We expect peace before long. I am very tired of this place and am not in very good health at this time but so as to do duty. There are several of our men sick at this time but not dangerously.

"I hope I shall see you all again in the Old North State. Tell all the people howdo for me and tell them I expect to see them again.

"I do not think that we shall have to stay here much longer. The Mexicans want peace worse than we do.

"I hope that those few lines may find you all enjoying a reasonable portion of health. May God bless you all in every respect, whatever. I must come to a close, write to me every opportunity."

The letter closes with directions as to how letters to the writer ought to be addressed and with repeated urgings that his friends write to him.

WORLD SUPPLY OF COTTON IS LOWER

Washington, Sept. 10.—The total world supply of cotton on August 1 was 27,568,000 bales, as compared with 29,602,000 bales on August 1 last year, according to the survey of the Department of Commerce.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Sept. 10.—Spot cotton, closed steady. Middling 25.10 an advance of 15 points over the opening. Futures, closing bid, Oct. 27.85-88, Dec. 27.53-62, Jan. 27.20-23, March 27.25-30, May 27.20-24, July 26.95-trading.

New York, Sept. 10.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 27.60-60, Dec. 27.37-33, Jan. 26.90-84, March 26.95-85, May 26.90-95.