

South Of Albemarle Sound Is Bestcity's Opportunity

George P. Carter Says Elizabeth City Can Possess Its Promised Land by Building Six Miles of Road and Co-operating With Tyrrell and Hyde to Establish a Ferry

The next road building project that ought to be undertaken in Pasquotank County is the extension of the Weeksville brick road from the Weeksville High School to Listers Pier, in the opinion of George P. Carter, prominent farmer of Fairfield, who is in the city this week on business.

"I have talked to a number of your leading business men about this project," said Mr. Carter Thursday, "and I have yet to find one who is opposed to it. The building of this road would mean much to Pasquotank. Possibly it would mean a great deal more to us.

"Elizabeth City, like Norfolk, must look to the southward for the extension of its trade territory. As Norfolk to the north comes in competition with Baltimore and Philadelphia and to the west comes in competition with Richmond; so Elizabeth City can not go far north without coming into competition with Norfolk and, even with the road across the Dismal Swamp connecting Pasquotank and Gates, cannot go far west without coming into competition with Suffolk. To the south, however, you have a rich territory to reach out after with no competition of any city in your class until you begin to encroach upon the territory of Washington.

"By the extension of the Weeksville road to Listers Pier, a distance, I am informed, of only six miles, Elizabeth City would do more to link itself closer with its trade territory south of the Albemarle Sound than by any other project the city and county could undertake. The building of this project would open up to you all of Hyde and Tyrrell counties and the eastern half of Washington as well. Besides, it would bring Elizabeth City into far more intimate relation with the Durants Neck section of Perquimans County.

"A glance at the map of the Albemarle counties will show you what I am driving at. From Listers Pier to Newberrys Landing in Tyrrell is a distance of only nine and one-half miles, or about an hour's run by ferry. This distance is practically the same as between Macekes and Edenton, where a ferry is now in successful operation. From Newberrys Landing to Columbia is five and one-half miles and from Columbia to Fairfield is 26 miles. This would put you within 57 miles, a three and one-half hour's run by automobile including the time on the ferry, of Fairfield, or a four and one-half hours run from Swanquarter.

"That would mean that the trade from all Hyde, north of Mattamuskeet Lake, which is by far the richest part of the county, would be turned to Elizabeth City; and most of the trade south of Mattamuskeet as well, for the route which I have sketched would put Swan Quarter slightly nearer to Elizabeth City than to Washington. With this road open, Hyde County people could drive to Elizabeth City in the morning and return home the same afternoon, instead of having to take three days for this trip as they do under present conditions.

"My own County of Hyde takes rank as an agricultural county second to none in the State. Our great drawback has been lack of transportation. With this road open motor truck lines would be established and part of the richest lands of Hyde could be turned into truck and poultry farming. The project that I am talking about is not a pipe dream, but it is entirely feasible. We are already at work in Hyde opening up a road to the Tyrrell County line to connect with the road from Gum Neck to Columbia. From Columbia to Newberrys Landing it would be only necessary to straighten the now existing road. It would also be easy, in my opinion, to secure the operation of a private ferry between Newberrys Landing and Listers Pier when the roads that I have mentioned are completed. More than this, since this would be a road-connecting county seats, in my opinion it would be only a question of time before the whole route, including the ferry, would be taken over by the State, which would relieve Pasquotank County of the upkeep of the Weeksville road.

"Even that it is not all. Your business men tell me they are considering the establishment of a country club. What more favorable site for such a club, or summer resort, could you ask for than the highland in the vicinity of Listers Pier where the hard sand bottom makes ideal conditions for bathing and where the land is high and dry and swept by a breeze from a 50 mile expanse of water?

"I have heard it suggested during my stay in Elizabeth City this week, and I can well believe it, that from a mercantile viewpoint you have already too many stores for your present retail territory. This makes the matter of the enlargement of

SERIOUS TALK ON MEXICAN SITUATION

Mexico City, Jan. 18.—The situation in Mexico, complicated recently by the declaration of the revolutionist blockade at Tampico, was today considered by Coolidge and his advisors at one of the longest cabinet sessions in recent months.

There were indications that more active steps to protect American interests in the blockaded port were considered at the meeting but cabinet members said that any announcement must come from the President, and White House officials were silent.

MEXICAN REBELS BOMBARD TAMPICO

Houston, Texas, Jan. 18.—Gunboats of the Mexican rebel faction bombarded Tampico during most of yesterday. The extent of the damage and casualties is unknown.

STATE COLLEGE AND DEPARTMENT SEVERE

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—The trustees of State College yesterday took action severing their connection with the Department of Agriculture in extension and experimental work and announced that the half million dollars of State College funds allowed for this purpose each year will not be allowed in the future and that experimental work will be conducted by the college independently of the department.

EIGHT CONVICTS MAKE ESCAPE FROM CAMP

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—Eight convicts of Wake County last night burned a hole in the roof of the prison camp shack and made their escape.

STEAMER SINKS BUT HER CREW IS SAVED

Norfolk, Jan. 18.—The Danish Steamer Normanna sank off Frying Pan Shoals yesterday while the Coast Guard rushed to her aid. It is believed that all members of the crew were taken off before the vessel sank.

MILLER HEAD COACH AT STATE COLLEGE

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—John P. Miller, former head coach at the University of Missouri, has been engaged to become head of the department of physical education at State College to succeed Harry Hartsell.

SHIP COMMISSION IS KEEPING QUIET

Charlotte, Jan. 18.—The State Ship and Water Transportation Commission announced yesterday that it would make no statement of its decision regarding the ship line proposal until the report is completed and handed to the Governor and the Council of State.

GROUPING COUNTY SCHOOLS

Lexington, Jan. 18.—Coming into line with a number of North Carolina counties, the Board of Education has tentatively adopted the plan of the State Department of Public Instruction for the grouping of the schools of the county. The State School Law provides for the grouping of the county schools into large units where the work may be more effectively carried out and the Department has been working toward this end for a number of months.

that territory all the more important to the growth and development of your city. If you will bring the road to Listers Pier and co-operate with the counties to the south of Albemarle Sound in establishing connection with that road, it will be no uncommon sight to see as many farmers of Hyde, Washington and Tyrrell counties on your streets every day as you now see from Camden or Currituck.

But if your merchants and business men neglect this opportunity to annex new trade territory, Hyde County will not continue in its present isolation forever. If you do not annex us some more progressive city will. If you do not want our trade, Washington, Beaufort's capital, does and will find a way or make one to get it.

Will Try for Senate



Mrs. Isetta Jewell Brown, shown above with her daughter June, now in Washington planning her campaign for a seat in the U. S. Senate from West Virginia. Mrs. Brown formerly played in stock and vaudeville and is well known to Washingtonians.

Brunette



New York's young society set boasts of the most beautiful girls in the country. At a recent entertainment many society girls took part. Photo shows Miss Natica Naat, who portrayed the part of a Spanish type.

LARGEST CROWDS THURSDAY NIGHT

The largest congregation of the revival meeting greeted Dr. D. K. Walthall Thursday at the two services at the Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church.

At the afternoon service the subject was "How to Deal with Difficult Cases." The two essentials were shown to be earnest prayer and faith in God, and there were declared to be no difficult cases with God.

At the night service the subject was "Repentance, the One Thing Needed." A number of instances were drawn from the Scriptures, of men who thought they had repented, but had not. The true doctrine was then unfolded from the story of the prodigal son and seen to consist of coming to one's self, humility and coming to Christ. The sermon closed with a description of the reception of the soul by God.

There will be no service Saturday, but on Sunday there will be the usual morning and evening services. Special services for the young people will be held at 3:30 p. m. All the young people of the city are invited.

TWO FIRES FRIDAY

At 1:15 p. m. Friday an alarm was turned in from Box 72 on Shepard street and the fire company found a chimney fire at the home of A. J. Young, colored. It was extinguished with chemicals. There was no damage.

At 1:30 p. m. Friday an alarm was given from Box 42 and the fire was found in the back room of Lewis Smith, colored, dry cleaning shop, on South Road street. There was little damage.

THREE YOUTHS LODGED IN JAIL

White Fellows from Norfolk and Vicinity Charged With Theft of Two Automobiles Here Early Friday.

Three white youths from Norfolk, apparently 18 or 20 years of age, but who claim to be only 16, are in Pasquotank County jail charged with stealing two automobiles early Friday morning.

The three boys are Arthur Halstead, who gives his address as Norfolk; Raymond Sawyer, who says his home is in Berkeley, and Billie Spirt, who claims to live in Brambleton.

They were taken out of an Essex car belonging to Louis Thornton, who lives next door to Edgar Williams near the Norfolk-Southern passenger station, on South Road street at about 4 o'clock Friday morning.

The arrest was made by Police Officer Tarkington, who at the corner of Main and Road saw the car approaching from North Road. Mr. Tarkington threw his flashlight on the car and ordered the driver to stop as it passed Matthews, but no attention was paid to the warning and the police officer fired at the front tire. The car halted then, just after passing the Main street corner, and the two occupants on the front seat put their hands, Spirt, on the back seat with closed curtains, went out of the car over the shoulders of his companions, but ran into the hands of Police Captain Winslow, who was coming down Main street, and was brought back to the car. The three were locked up at 5:45 Friday morning.

Police officers were put on the trail of the three offenders by J. G. Gregory Friday morning at 10 minutes past 3 o'clock, when Mr. Gregory informed the police station that his car had just been stolen from his garage. Mr. Gregory's garage is on an alley back of his house and between Main street and Cherry. Harris, cook for the Gregory family, sleeps over the garage and Friday morning at 2:30 she heard someone moving the car out. Thinking it was Mr. Gregory, she called him as the car was moving off, but when no attention was paid to her call she concluded that the car was being stolen and, dressing hurriedly, ran to the Gregory residence to notify Mr. Gregory.

It was while trying to locate the Gregory car that Police Officer Tarkington found the culprits in Thornton's Essex which was halted on South Road street at the corner of Main.

Going back to the Thornton garage after the boys had been locked up to investigate how his car was moved out, the police found Mr. Gregory's Nash near the Whitley packing plant on the concrete road. Apparently this car had stalled on the occupants, who made haste to take charge of another car which was in a garage most conveniently situated for their purpose. They got the Essex out without awakening Mr. Thornton, who was a surprised man when the police, after awakening City Auditor Snowden and identifying the car by its license number, called him up and advised him that they had recovered his car for him.

He was also willing to tell the world that the night police had done a good morning's work.

The three boys are being held pending investigation of other charges against them. They will probably be given a hearing before the recorder Saturday morning.

H. C. Ferebee of Camden was in the city Wednesday on business.

EXECUTED TODAY BY PRISON FIRING SQUAD

Salt Lake City, Jan. 18.—Eugene Woods, convicted wife murderer, was today executed by a firing squad at Utah state prison here. He met death calmly and protested his innocence to the end.

Mrs. Woods, an invalid, was killed in an apartment here January 9, 1922. Woods, a former probate judge, chose the firing squad instead of the noose as the state law permits.

FAILURE GET CITY LICENSE FOR AUTOS BEING ENFORCED

Quite a large number of defendants were in police court Friday morning for failure to provide themselves with city automobile licenses as required by law. Those offering pleas of guilty to this charge were: G. B. Randolph, Henry Ballance, M. L. Mercer, W. G. Chokey, H. L. Trueblood, W. T. Swain, I. E. Bertram, and Ben Vercoen and Dr. G. W. Cardwell, both colored. Each of the defendants were let off with costs on the condition that he provide himself with proper city licenses.

The ordinance under which automobile owners are being brought in to court is found in Chapter 22, section 295, of the city ordinances, and is as follows:

"The City Auditor shall furnish to each person operating motor driven vehicles of any kind, on which a license has been paid to the city, a display number, which said display number shall at all times be conspicuously displayed on the front of such vehicle."

The police are checking up on all motor car owners in the city from the list furnished by the North Carolina Secretary of State and every possessor of a State license who has not purchased a city license is likely to be called on to explain why before the presiding judge of the recorder's court.

Four defendants were taxed with the costs for riding bicycles on the street at night without license. These were Lister Sawyer, Bennie Tarkenton, C. S. Weston, J. T. Perry and one colored defendant, G. W. Williams.

John Turner, colored, was let off on a speeding charge as a first offender under suspended judgment on payment of costs.

Fred Harris, colored, entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of operating a car without city license but admitted, after the State had put on its evidence, that he had never paid for the license he was using.

BEEKEEPERS HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION

Washington, N. C., Jan. 18.—The eighth annual meeting of the North Carolina State Beekeepers' Association was held Thursday in the rooms of the chamber of commerce. Due to weather conditions, the attendance was not as large as was expected, but the spirit and enthusiasm of those present made up for lack of numbers.

Discussions on bee behavior and the necessary manipulations of colonies for maximum honey production proved to be interesting and valuable to all. Every bee keeper present was given the opportunity of describing his methods of re-arranging his apiaries, of controlling swarming, of marketing his honey crop; and any other phase of the bee keeping industry that would be of interest to those present.

The meeting was presided over by the president, D. W. Monroe of Chadbourne, and the secretary-treasurer, J. E. Eckert of the State College Raleigh, read the reports which showed the finances of the association to be in good shape.

In the absence of Mayor Sterling, who was to have delivered the address of welcome, to the visitors, J. A. Osborne performed this duty and in a short address welcomed the beekeepers to Washington.

An interesting paper was read by C. L. Sams, State specialist on the "Instinct and Behavior of the Bee," and J. R. Pinkham, R. F. D., made an excellent talk on the care of bees and bee structures and on use of full sheets for foundation, illustrating his address by a number of combs and a bee hive.

The president's address was a splendid talk on the value of the bee industry. J. E. Eckert read a valuable paper on "After Production, Then What."

The nomination and election of officers was scheduled for the afternoon session.

The beekeeper owning the largest number of colonies present was F. R. Jordan of Wilmington. The total number of colonies owned by those present is 2,200.

C. W. Cary, Norfolk representative of the A. I. Root Company, bee supply manufacturers, was present, which made his attendance record of 100 per cent for all meetings of the association.

The officers of the association are: President, D. W. Monroe, Chadbourne; vice president, J. R. Pinkham, Washington, N. C.; secretary-treasurer, J. E. Eckert, Raleigh; executive committee, James M. Gibbs, Reidsville; O. C. Wall, Coolemeec, and the officers.

REPUBLICANS ARE MEETING IN RALEIGH

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—The Republican State Committee is meeting here today to select a meeting place for its 1924 convention.

TEXAS REFUSES LET THEM PASS

Possibility of Trouble Between Mexican Troops and Residents on Border Says Acting Governor.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 18.—Permitting to transport Mexican federal troops across Texas was refused today by acting Governor Davidson in a telegram to Secretary Hughes.

The possibility of trouble with Mexican residents on the border prompted his refusal, Davidson said. Washington, Jan. 18.—The Obregon government has requested that the United States allow troops to cross the American territory to get to the rebellious regions and Washington has indicated that it will grant permission if the governors of the three states will consent.

The Arizona and New Mexico governors have given their assent while Texas has not yet replied.

A detachment of the Mexican army carrying its arms and ammunition as baggage will pass from Naco, Arizona, to some point in Texas for re-entry into Mexico to oppose the revolutionists if the governor of Texas consents.

SAYS HOSPITAL IS NOT COURT ROOM

Los Angeles, Jan. 18.—If the shooting of Courtland Dines, Denver oil man, by Mabel Normand's chauffeur, here on New Year's night is retold from the witness stand today it will not be at the bedside of Dines at the Good Samaritan Hospital, declared Bishop Johnson, president of the board of directors.

In continuing the case last week, Justice Haby said, "We'll have no more continuances. If Dines is not here next Friday, we will go to the hospital and hold court at his bedside."

"Such a thing is preposterous. We are running a hospital and not a courtroom and we will not permit any one to hold court in Dines room," the bishop said today.

TWO AGED WOMEN VICTIMS OF FIRE

Greenville, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Sallie Hudson, aged 80, and blind, was burned to death, and Miss Annie Mills, aged 80, and deaf, was probably fatally burned today when the home of Miss Mills in the Cox Mill section of the county was destroyed by fire.

The two aged women lived alone in the house. Physicians express little hope for the recovery of Miss Mills. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

ROBBERS OVERLOOK THE PAYROLL POUCH

Sullivan, Ind., Jan. 18.—Three masked robbers today bound and gagged R. S. Shaw, telegraph operator, at the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad station here, and escaped with two sacks of registered mail. The robbers, however, overlooked a pouch containing the payroll of the railroad.

CHILD LOSES FINGERS IN ENSILAGE CUTTER

Durants Neck, Jan. 18.—Little Warren Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Perry, met with a painful accident last Tuesday. While his little brother was turning an ensilage cutter, Warren was feeding it corn cobs. He got his hand too close, and had his left four fingers cut off near the first joint. Dr. R. W. Smith of Hertford dressed the wound and the little fellow is doing very well at present.

H. C. Newby, H. M. Spencer and Thomas M. Davis have about finished the organization of a store at New Hope to be known as "The Sterling Grocery Company." They have the best equipped store in the village and it is expected that they will do a very satisfactory business.

WILL OPERATE MILL

The fact that there were no bidders for the mill at Simonds creek, offered for sale by S. S. Overman on January 15, caused a change in plans regarding it. J. A. Luton, one of the owners, will take it over and operate it himself after the timber on hand has been sawed up. Until that time S. S. Overman will continue in charge.

GRANTED DIVORCE FROM PLAY WRITER

London, Jan. 18.—Mrs. John Drinkwater was today granted a divorce from the author of "Abraham Lincoln," Robert E. Lee, and other historical plays on statutory grounds. She was Kathleen Walpole, an actress, and since her marriage in 1906 had appeared only infrequently on the stage.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Jan. 18.—Spot cotton, closed steady, Middling 33.20 an advance of 10 points. Futures, closing bid, Jan. 32.70, March 33.20, May 33.20, July 32.15, Oct. 28.00.