

NEW SHORT ROAD THROUGH CAMDEN COUNTY IS URGED

Route From Shiloh Across Indian Island to Laurel Swamp Road in Currituck County Is Suggested

BIG CUT IN DISTANCE

Would lop 32 Miles Off Round Trip Between Elizabeth City and Lower Currituck, Is Claim

A net saving of 32 miles in the round trip distance between Elizabeth City and lower Currituck, to be effected by building less than four miles of new road, is claimed by advocates of a proposed new short route from Shiloh eastward to the State highway bisecting the Currituck peninsula. The road would terminate at the point where the Laurel Swamp road from Narrow Shore and Poplar Branch joins the State highway, about six miles south of Coimjock.

The present distance from the end of the Laurel Swamp road to Elizabeth City, via Currituck Courthouse, is given as 34 miles. The other route totals a little under 18 miles, as measured on Government maps issued by the Department of Commerce. Hence, the saving would be 16 miles, or double that on a round trip.

By crossing Indian Island on the Camden side of North River, the construction of the road would be made far easier, it is stated, since there would only be a relatively short stretch of swamp to be traversed. Indian Island is high land, inhabited by several families, and is declared to have a road running to a point within a quarter of a mile of North River. A road from there to Shiloh has been built already.

Few Miles of New Road

Hence, the only new road to be constructed would be that quarter of a mile on the Camden side of North River, and not quite three miles on the Currituck side. North River narrows sharply at that point to a width of about 500 yards. At the start, a ferry would be maintained there, with the idea of constructing a bridge later.

A landing on North River at the point where the road crosses would give farmers living in the neighborhood on both sides of the river badly needed facilities for shipping their potatoes and other commodities conveniently. It is forecast also that the construction of such a road would tend to bring many more sportsmen from the North, who would spend their nights in Elizabeth City, and motor back and forth during the ducking season on Currituck Sound.

Not far from the point of its beginning at Shiloh, the present road to Indian Island, intersects the road from Old Trap to Indian town. A through route from Currituck to Elizabeth City thus would handle additional traffic from these communities, it is believed. It would tend also to develop a popular summer resort on Narrow Shore, where O. F. Gilchrist, Elizabeth City merchant, declares is not eclipsed in natural beauty by any spot he saw on a recent trip to Florida.

Advocates of the Indian Island road explain that it would be a logical route for adoption by the State Highway Commission in its county seat to county seat program, since it would constitute the shortest theoretical route between Elizabeth City and Currituck. The present State highway through the Currituck peninsula is regarded as connecting Manteo and Currituck Courthouse.

Gregory Favors Route

Willie Gregory, member of the Camden County Highway Commission, has expressed himself as heartily in favor of the Indian Island road. In a conference to the Belconn-Coinjock link suggested earlier as a short route between this city and lower Currituck. It is claimed that many more miles of new road construction would be required on the Belconn route, and that it would pass through a sparsely settled country in sharp contrast to the populous section of the other road traversed.

Walter L. Colborn, Elizabeth City attorney and preacher of the gospel of better roads, suggests that Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck counties should unite in the building of the Indian Island road, inasmuch as all three counties would stand to derive material benefit from it. No estimate of the cost is available yet, though Mr. Colborn expresses the opinion that it would not be excessive, in view of the fact that the topography of the region indicates that the short stretch of swamp to be crossed is not deep, and would present no unusual difficulties to highway engineers.

The need for a short route across lower Camden County as a means not only of providing residents of the adjacent communities ready access to Elizabeth City, but also as a means of developing these communities, has been agitated recurrently for several years.

Skeleton Found in Lonely Spot Near Pasquotank River Landing Condition Indicates Foul Play

Camden, Jan. 23.—The skeleton of an unidentified man in a moldering soldier's uniform was discovered yesterday in Pasquotank River Swamp near Burnt Mill, according to Deputy Sheriff H. S. Seymour, of this county. A black cap was lying nearby, the officer stated, adding that the remains apparently were those of a white man about 5 feet 9 inches in height, wearing a pair of work shoes, size 7 or 8.

BACK OF IT ALL IS RIGHT SPIRIT

Says Senator Williams, Talking Before Rotary Club Friday

"Back of the need of new industries, new schools, new enterprises and a new community spirit felt by every municipality," said State Senator P. H. Williams, speaker of the day on the Rotary program at its regular luncheon at the Southern Hotel Friday, is the need for new men, men whose minds have been reborn by a vision of service.

"Man is naturally a selfish being. In his childhood of the race every man looked out for himself and for his immediate household. And it is still true of the individual that in infancy he thinks only of himself, his own wants, his own needs, his own hurts. There are some men who in after life never get beyond that zone. With them as long as they live it's me and my son John and his wife, us four and no more."

"But in the normal process of education of the race and of the individual each passes out of the selfish zone into the zone of cooperation, learning that by a division of labor and a union of effort a body of men working together can accomplish more than the same number working separately."

"And yet the co-operative zone does not represent the ultimate and highest development of the individual and his community. That is reached in the sacrificial zone, where a man becomes willing to sacrifice his own individual interests to the common good, having heard the call of that Master of Men who said 'The Son of Man came not into the World to be ministered unto but to minister.'"

"When our newspapers, our industries, our banks, and our other business enterprises are conducted on this plane we shall have established an ideal community where the churches, the schools, the newspapers, the factories, the stores and the local government will be the best that can be found anywhere on earth."

Episcopalians Will Go to Wilmington

Wilmington, Jan. 23.—In order to take stock of their work during the year 1925 and make plans for that of 1926, the Episcopalians of the diocese of East Carolina will meet in their forty-third annual convention in St. John's Church, Wilmington, on January 26 and 27. The Woman's Auxiliary and Parochial Societies of the diocese will have their annual meeting at the same time, and will join with the members of the convention in a number of services and mass meetings.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, D. D., bishop of the diocese of East Carolina, will preside over the meetings of the convention. The Rev. W. R. Nor, executive secretary of the diocese, will double as re-elected secretary. Mrs. James G. Stator, president of the Woman's Auxiliary and Parochial Societies, will preside over the women's meetings.

LEWIS ASKS MARKLE TO CALL CONFERENCE

Wilkesbarre, Penn., Jan. 23.—International president John L. Lewis of the miners union has asked Alvin Markle, chairman of the miners and operators joint committee, to call a joint conference.

The skeleton was stretched out full length, the officer declared, adding that no evidence of foul play was discovered, possibly due to the length of time it had lain there. The spot was close to a river landing, he said, leading investigators to the theory that the individual might have been killed and his body carried there.

A coroner's inquest will be held Monday, according to Mr. Seymour. Meanwhile the skeleton is lying in the swamp, just as it was found. Preparations are being made for burial immediately after the inquest, in the event that identification is not effected in the meantime. Burnt Mill is about 11 miles from Elizabeth City.

Strange Weakness Of Cow Is Aired In Court Session

More or less expert testimony on the value of a cow that has acquired a predilection for her own product was given at a hearing in Recorder's court Saturday in which Ois Sanders, young farmer living in the Four Forks section of lower Pasquotank, was bound over to Superior Court on a charge of obtaining a cow and \$50 from S. Gauderson, local merchant, under false pretenses.

The Gaudersons, father and son, testified to a transaction whereby they exchanged a "dry" cow and \$50 in cash for a handsome specimen of the bovine family which they claimed was represented to them to be a good milker.

Their acquisition, however, failed to pan out as they had expected, they declared. Instead of giving 4 to 6 gallons of milk a day, they said, the cow only came across with a few quarts; and didn't do even that well except when she was tied up in such a way as to keep her from regaling herself on what otherwise would have accrued to the Gauderson family.

Questioned insistently as to whether he knew the cow was a "self sucker," the defendant appeared uncomfortable and inclined to be evasive on the witness stand. He said he had never seen her suck herself, and when asked if he didn't think she did, replied that he "didn't know a man was expected to think in court."

C. C. Pappendick, long experienced in the handling of cows, declared on the stand that he had an idea of purchasing the animal in controversy, but that Sanders had warned him of her alleged failing, and he hadn't bought her. He said he didn't care about owning a cow so inclined, having been unable to discover a satisfactory way of breaking one of the practice.

DARROW BREAKS INTO PRINT AGAIN

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Chicago, Jan. 23.—Clarence Darrow is breaking out into print again. The quiet retreat of ordinary law practice to which he had returned after defending Loeb and Leopold, after defending Scopes, and after defending some Detroit negro killers, wasn't to be for long.

Some Illinois Democrats are out with a plan now to run the veteran defender of the down-and-outs as their candidate for United States Senator. And the solemn convocation of Cook County Democratic committeemen now in session to decide on candidates look with considerable favor on the prospect.

Some himself would not balk at this move to break him into the limelight again. The chances for a fight, and the possibility of a Senatorial toga are tempting, should the opportunity be offered.

"I don't know anything about the plan," the veteran criminal lawyer explained today. "It will be time enough to decide what to do when something definite is offered." Indicating that his words would be somewhat welcome.

WARNING GIVEN CAR THIEVES BY JUDGE SAWYER

Need Not Expect Clemency in Recorder's Court, He Says, Reminding That He Lacks Jurisdiction

POPULAR IDEA WRONG

Removal of Switch Key Scant Protection Against Theft, Police Say; Most Offenders Are Young

Fair warning was issued by County Judge P. G. Sawyer today that individuals arrested in connection with automobile thefts in this city and County need expect no mercy from the court. These thefts have attained a stage bordering upon epidemic proportions in recent weeks, police report.

"The theft of an automobile is an offense involving more than \$20," Judge Sawyer declared, "and, if I find probable cause, I have no recourse but to send the case on to Superior Court. These thefts must be broken up."

The latest "borrowings" of automobiles reported to police here were that of a Ford roadster belonging to Mrs. Tom Sawyer, of Belconn, teacher in the Elizabeth City Graded Schools, and of a Ford coupe owned by Dr. Howard J. Combs. Mrs. Sawyer's car was found abandoned by the roadside about two miles from Suffolk Thursday, and was brought back Friday by Oscar Hoffer, her brother-in-law, police are investigating it with a view to a possible early arrest. No news of the whereabouts of Dr. Combs' car had been received here up to Saturday morning.

Many individuals have an idea that if they remove the switch key when they park a car, it is safe, or reasonably so. This is disproved utterly by the experience of most recent victims of automobile thieves, Chief Holmes declares. "Almost every car stolen here in the last two months had no switch key in it," he states, adding that the experience of the police indicates that the theft of an automobile with the key in it is the exception, rather than the rule.

Police are inclined to think that most of the recent automobile thefts have been perpetrated by youngsters—boys in their teens, or early twenties. Observers here are inclined to ascribe a measure of blame to leniency shown some offenders in the past, largely on account of their youth, taking the view that one being lenient to another who has stolen a car has escaped with light punishment or none at all, will figure naturally that he will commit for the same gentle consideration.

The experience of police here and in other cities has shown that at least 90 per cent of all automobile thieves fall within the classification of temporary larceny. The thief takes the car, not with the idea of keeping it, but merely for a joy ride. He leaves it on a lonely road or an obscure side street, and often when the car is found, it is in a damaged condition. In one fairly recent instance, an automobile found after having been thus abandoned, was badly burned, leading police here to the conclusion that the "borrower" had set it afire before leaving it.

WIVES REFUSING HUSBY'S NAME CAUSING GRIEF

London, Jan. 23.—Modern wives who refuse to take their husbands' names have set social secretaries by the ears. Engraving profits, however, and passport bureaus are large winners.

It is not safe now to send an invitation to Mr. and Mrs. James Battle Royal without looking into the royal register. Mrs. James Battle Royal may not be Mrs. James Battle Royal at all. She may be Miss G. Alone. And that is a tragedy where engraving profits have been carefully counted on the old-fashioned theory that married couples are really married in good old Victorian style.

Wives who are willing to travel on a family passport issued in the name of the head of the family are rapidly going out of fashion. Even if they do wear their husband's names they want a separate passport, and that means extra fees for visas.

CONSERVATIVES WIN

Washington, Jan. 23.—The radicals and conservatives among the representatives of women in industry, meeting in Washington, have had their open clash. It also was inevitable. The conservative politely, but effectively threw the "reds" out. The majority of women in industry still seem to feel that they need protective legislation.

Central Hotel Body Defers Action To Session Tuesday

A meeting of the central hotel committee scheduled for Friday night for action on the proposal to erect a thoroughly modern hotel here was postponed to Tuesday on account of an oyster roast given at the Elizabeth City County Club. Members of the committee met in informal fashion Friday afternoon, however, and after a discussion of the general situation, adjourned with a view to definite action Tuesday.

The deliberate fashion in which the central hotel committee is proceeding with its plans is prompted, members say, by a desire to go over the situation thoroughly before definite steps are taken, in order that, once the campaign to build a hotel is launched, it may go over smoothly and with every assurance of success. This assurance is growing every day, it is declared, and events have reached the point where construction of a hotel appears to be a certainty. To what extent the general public will be divided to take stock in the enterprise is not yet apparent.

About 100 persons were present at the oyster roast at the County Club Friday night. The event went across in altogether pleasing fashion, members stated Saturday, adding that many of those attending had expressed themselves as keenly anxious of the next social function of the kind to be given there. An entertainment of some sort at least once a month is contemplated by the committee in charge of the social end of the club's affairs.

FIVE KILLED AND ELEVEN MISSING IN HOTEL FLAMES

Allentown, Penn., Jan. 23.—Five guests of the Lafayette Hotel were killed and a score were injured in the fire that destroyed the building early this morning. Eleven guests were unaccounted for several hours after the fire. None of the dead had been identified.

One man lost his life when he fell from a window on the top floor of the four-story brick building and landed on the sidewalk. The other four were found huddled together in a corner on the fourth floor.

The fire started shortly after two o'clock and spread so rapidly that it cut off the escape of most of the guests, many of whom had to be carried down ladders by firemen. There was no time to dress and guests were forced into cold blasts of winter in night clothes. The temperature hovered between 15 and 16 above zero. Twenty of the guests were taken to a hospital.

Cardinal Mercier Dies At Brussels

Called Apostle of Peace During World War Though Really a Fighter

Brussels, Jan. 23.—Cardinal Mercier, Primate of Belgium and one of the heroic figures of the world war, died today at the age of 74, losing his long battle against a decline that set in after noon on December 29.

Death came at three o'clock this afternoon. Cardinal Mercier was stricken with influenza December 19. News of his illness became known when he was unable to attend the ceremony at which Queen Elizabeth received the golden rose sent her by Pope Pius in honor of her twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

ELON COACH QUITS

Elon, N. C., Jan. 23.—Resignation of Coach Corber was announced today.

"Jack Dempsey," Barnyard King



With 14 knockouts to his credit, "Jack Dempsey," shown above with George Dunbar, his owner, was the famed cock in the walk of the National Fanciers' Exhibition in Chicago. In fights Jack wears tiny boxing gloves affixed to his spurs.

Value of Boys' Band Both To Boys and City Urged By Rotary-Kiwanis Group

A joint committee of Rotarians and Kiwanians will go out in the next few days to ask the assistance of the public in financing the Elizabeth City Boys' Band during the year just ahead, with the hope of raising sufficient funds to assure the employment of an all-time band director to give the youngsters needed instruction in a consistent way, to procure additional instruments, and to make possible the rental of a suitable hall for this instruction.

The general chairman of the committee is Kiwanian A. R. Nicholson. Other Kiwanians on it are J. Kenyon Wilson, club president, and George J. Spence. The Rotary members are S. B. Parker, Frank Kramer and W. C. Sawyer.

The campaign had been scheduled for the week just closed, but various factors interposed, and it was decided to launch it the following week. As far as is practicable, all prospective sponsors of the band will be interviewed in person, but the committee has requested that every one interested in checks or cash. The goal is \$3,000—a sum sufficient to put Leslie Waldorf, band director, on a full time basis. Mr. Waldorf has been paid inadequately, members of the committee declare, and thus has had to contribute his services to an extent that should not be expected of him. The band's development, despite its handicap of inadequate financing, has been remarkable, they explain.

COTTON GINNED IS TWO MILLIONS MORE

Washington, Jan. 23.—Cotton ginned prior to January 16 amounted to 15,488,230 bales exclusive of linters and including 335,446 round bales counted as half bales to that date a year ago, the Census Bureau announced today.

HEAD DISMEMBERED BODY FOUND TODAY

Philadelphia, Jan. 23.—The head of Miss Anna May Dietrich, whose dismembered body was found in the woods near Media, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, was discovered today beneath the ties of the Pennsylvania railroad bridge over Taylor's Creek in a nearby suburb. No marks were on the head to indicate how she was killed.

A TOUCH OF FLORIDA

Elizabeth City folks who haven't yet seen the wonders of Florida at first hand are manifesting keen interest in a display of products of the famed peninsula shown in the window of Gilbert's store on East Main street. The exhibit includes oranges in profusion, a grapefruit weighing nearly four pounds, a coconut in its native husk, tangerines, and a variety of other minutiae gathered by residents of this city on recent trips to Hollywood and other points in that state.

PREPARED TO DISCUSS FRENCH DEBT FUNDING

Washington, Jan. 23.—Henry Borenger, new French ambassador, informed Secretary Mellon today that he is prepared to meet with the American Debt Commission at its convenience to discuss the French debt funding.

JARDINE HAS LET PROVERBIAL CAT RIGHT OUT OF BAG

In Recent Speech Let It Be Known How Administration Stood on the Dickinson Farm Bill

WRECKED MEASURE

Secretary Department Agriculture Wants Two Major Principles of Proposed Law Amended

By DAVID LAWRENCE
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Washington, Jan. 23.—The truth may as well be told now about the agricultural surplus problem. Secretary Jardine of the Department of Agriculture, in his speech at Chicago today before the Illinois Agricultural Association. When he said: "I am opposed to price fixing, I am opposed to Government handling of farm products," he swept away all the uncertainty that has developed toward the Dickinson bill and other measures designed to relieve the farmer.

Up to now the published reports have persisted in assuming that the administration was ready to swallow the Dickinson bill in entirety. Secretary Jardine said publicly he approved the measure but that it needed amendment. The particulars in which he wants it amended involve the two major principles of price fixing and Government handling of farm products. Take those two things out of the Dickinson bill and it is left a simple machinery for the study of the farm problem. No Government bounty to aid the farmer, no excise tax collected by the Government as was provided in the original McNary-Haugen bill, in fact nothing is left of the plan which many of the farm groups of the West and Northwest have been clamoring for.

What then does the administration intend? The fact is the Government is leaning more and more every day in the direction pointed by the National Farmers' Co-operative Council at its recent meeting in Washington. With the exception of Governor Lowman who parted company with his colleagues in the co-operative group on the issue, the leaders insist that the solution lies in the development of co-operative organizations to handle the export surplus. In support of this contention, the co-operative have been assuring President Coolidge and Secretary Jardine that the export surplus of farm relief has already been furnished in Western Canada. It will be remarked, of course, that the argument for the McNary-Haugen bill was that America was forced to sell her exportable surplus at low prices and that the price for export in turn depressed the domestic price. If the Government would fix the export price, collect the excise tax, and that might be involved as between domestic and export price by simply levying an excise tax on every bushel raised, the differential would be distributed. That has been the idea. Now the Western provinces in Canada have been up against the same thing. In Canada, too, two-thirds of the crop in export price is the export price. The problem is even more vital than in the United States. And Canada has no tariff to protect her growers either. The Canadians sent for the leaders of the American Co-operative Group and formed a pool. When speculators depressed the price at Winnipeg, the Canadian pool held tight. The speculators collected the amount did not budge. It is said that had the banks failed, the government might have furnished the credit. In the United States, of course, there is ample credit machinery to take care of warehouse receipts. The Canadians held on until the Winnipeg price reached around \$1.50 per bushel and then began to sell. In this way, the Canadian pool got the export price for export when that had the American farmers.

The administration is much impressed with this recent Canadian experience and thinks that if the corn growers and the wheat growers would organize effective co-operatives much of the trouble with the export problem would be cured by the farmers themselves. Politics, however, has not been mixed up into the thing, quite deeply. There's a Senatorial race in Iowa this autumn. Senator Cummins is up for re-election. Representative Dickinson's friends are talking of running him against Mr. Cummins. Senator Brookhart is awaiting the outcome of the recent controversy with Dan Steek. If he is counted out, he will surely run against Mr. Cummins. The issue involved in the export problem is a complicated one and needs only a good stump speaker and a cry for Government aid to win friends in a region sorely distressed by the up and down of agricultural economies in the last several years. The administration is between two fires. It wants to help Senator Cummins. It wants to suppress political revolt. Governor Lowman's report on the sugar tariff.

MILTON BERRY DIES; LONG ILL

Was Tax Collector Here for Ten Years; Funeral Sunday Afternoon

Milton W. Berry, 50 years old, city tax collector of Elizabeth City for 10 years, died last night at 10:05 o'clock at his home on East Cypress street after a period of about eight years of failing health. He was a native of Camden County, and had lived here practically all his life, except for about two years spent in Norfolk.

Mr. Berry was tax collector here between the years 1916 and 1920. He was kindly, generous and loyal, and numbered his friends by the many hundreds. He was a member of the Elks and the Junior Order. Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Curtis Berry, of Chapel Hill, and Oliver Berry, of Raleigh; three daughters, Mrs. W. C. Harris, of Greenville, and Mrs. Parker Midgett and Miss Martha Berry, of this city; and one brother, L. W. Berry, of Norfolk.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. J. W. Harrell, pastor of City Road Methodist Church. There will be special music by the City Road choir. Burial will be in Hollywood Cemetery.

SENATOR NORRIS MAKES SENSATIONAL CHARGES

Washington, Jan. 23.—President Coolidge, Senator Smoot, Republican of Utah, and others were charged in the Senate today by Senator Norris, Republican of Nebraska, with attempting to influence William S. Culbertson as a member of the tariff commission's report on the sugar tariff.