

VISIT OF KUGLER REVIVES TALK OF ROAD PROSPECTS

New District Highway Commissioner Makes Semi-Official Trip to Northeastern Carolina

TO ROANOKE ISLAND

Pays Hurry-Up Call With Resident Engineer to Dare County; Significance Not Revealed

Frank Kugler, of Washington recently appointed a member of the State Highway Commission from the First District, to succeed the late W. A. Hart, of Tarboro, is paying a "get acquainted" visit to Northeastern Carolina, discussing highway matters and meeting leading officials and business men. He arrived here Wednesday and left Thursday morning on a short visit to Roanoke Island. So far as can be learned, his trip is of a social rather than official significance.

On his trip to Roanoke Island, Mr. Kugler was accompanied by T. B. Wilson, resident engineer of the State Highway Commission. They left by automobile for Point Harbor, Currituck County, with the intention of taking a boat to this city late this afternoon.

In connection with Mr. Kugler's visit, it was learned that the State Highway Commission has definitely let contract for construction of a hardsurfaced road from the Virginia line to South Mills, of a type very similar to the water-bound macadam road built by Virginia from Deep Creek to the line. This hardsurfaced stretch is to be a fraction over seven miles in length, leaving an unpaved gap of about three miles from South Mills to the Newland Highway.

May Widen Highway
This gap is largely of recent construction, and it is understood that the failure of the commission to let the unpaved stretch as a whole was prompted by a desire to let the new road settle for a while longer. In this connection, it is stated unofficially here that the commission plans to widen the Newland Highway to 16 feet when the contract for the remaining link is let, thereby affording a paved highway not less than 16 feet wide all the way from this city to Norfolk.

Assurance is forthcoming that a contract for the loan of \$200,000 by Currituck County to the State, for construction of a 16 foot concrete highway from Sligo to the Virginia line, under an arrangement whereby a similar road is to be built from Sligo to Currituck Courthouse, already has been signed by the Currituck authorities, and forwarded to the State Highway Commission.

This transaction was arranged by the Highway Commissioner Hart shortly before his death, and is taken to indicate fairly early completion of the entire road from Elizabeth City to the Virginia line near Myroek. The loan plan was sponsored originally by the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce.

The visit of Mr. Kugler also has revived talk of the prospect for early paving of the Acorn Hill Road, connecting Elizabeth City with Gates County, and giving Gates people an opportunity to trade here the year around. Before his death, Mr. Hart gave assurance that if Pasquotank County would lend the commission \$100,000 to pave the six miles from Newland Methodist Church to the Gates County line, he would "beg, borrow or steal" enough to carry it on to Gatesville.

The commission already is building a hardsurfaced road from Gatesville to Winton, and it is declared that to pave the Acorn Hill Road would in effect provide the equivalent of a hardsurfaced highway, dependable in all weathers, from Elizabeth City past Asheville to Bryson City, within a dozen miles of the Tennessee line—the longest stretch of improved highway in the state.

It has been suggested also that, should the Acorn Hill Road be paved, its construction could be accomplished economically by use of a logging railroad running from the Belt Line, in Norfolk, through the Dismal Swamp, and across the present road.

DECLINES INVITATION
Raleigh, April 8.—Governor McLean is the recipient of an invitation from the North Carolina Club of Roanoke, Virginia, to address the annual banquet to be held in Roanoke on the evening of May 20. The Governor was forced to decline the invitation with sincere regrets.

COTTON MARKET
New York, April 8.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 15.30, points unchanged. May 15.75, July 15.24, Oct. 17.45, December 17.15, Jan. 17.15.

Problems Of Merchants To Be Discussed During Bureau Session at Club

Paul Leonard, Secretary of State Retailers' Association, Will Give Survey of Business Conditions in This Part of the South

Problems of merchants generally, and of those in Elizabeth City specifically, will be discussed by Paul Leonard, of Statesville, secretary of the North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association, at a meeting of local business men at the Woman's Club Tea Room Friday night at 8:20 o'clock. The session is sponsored by the Merchants' Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, but all merchants, regardless of affiliation with the bureau, have been invited to attend. It is hoped to put the Merchants' Bureau on a better financial and more adequately functioning basis as a result of the conference with Mr. Leonard, according to J. C. Sawyer, president of the bureau. The visiting official recently has completed a survey of business conditions in this and neighboring states, and is expected to give local merchants the benefit of the information he has collected, and the conclusions he has drawn from it.

Announcement is made that the new credit rating book recently undertaken by the bureau and the Chamber of Commerce is just about finished, and will be ready for distribution in a day or two. The book is declared to be the most complete of the kind ever compiled here, and is put in a loose leaf binder making it relatively easy for to be kept up-to-date month by month.

Mr. Sawyer announces also that arrangements are being made by the bureau to have an attorney in charge of delinquent accounts of members on a full-time basis, as a means of assisting in collections.

Mr. Leonard will speak at the regular luncheon of the Rotary Club Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock, as a prelude to his address before the Merchants' Bureau. Tickets for the event Friday night may be obtained from Raymond Shreeley, Secretary Job, Frank M. Harris or Cedar Harris. Plates will be 75 cents each. A large attendance is expected, on account of the prominence of Mr. Leonard and the general interest of the merchants in the subjects he will discuss.

"Kempy" Will Begin Promptly Tonight

Undaunted by clouds and threats of rain, the "Kempy" cast is all set to dispense sunshine and mirth in unlimited quantities in the High School auditorium tonight. The popular music-makers, the Elizabeth City High School Orchestra, will be on hand to welcome the audience and will begin playing at 8 o'clock. Promptly at 8:15 the curtain will rise on the first act. Promptly at 8:16 the audience will begin laughing and will remain in that state for approximately two hours.

The dramatic clubs have two reputations to sustain in the production of "Kempy." One is for giving the audience its money's worth, and the other is for beginning on time. Those coming after the play begins will be asked to remain in the back of the auditorium until the end of the first act.

CONGRESS EXPECTS TO ADJOURN APRIL 1

Washington, April 8.—President Coolidge was told today by Chairman Smoot of the Senate finance committee and Chairman Madden of the House appropriations committee, that Congress would probably adjourn between May 15 and June 1. The legislative calendar, they said, is in good shape.

HOMES NEEDED FOR DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Illness in many Elizabeth City homes recently is hampering the committee in charge of securing homes for the delegates to the forty-fifth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Carolina Methodist Conference to be held here on April 20-22. However, better weather will in all probability make for good health by the time this important Statewide meeting convenes, and it is hoped that the homes of Elizabeth City will "cheer up" and display their accustomed hospitality. The matter of securing homes must be attended to at once, and all who can do so are urged to respond when asked by the good women of the First Methodist church to entertain these honored guests from North Carolina and more distant lands.

PRESS IS AID TOWARD BETTER UNDERSTANDING

President Coolidge Addressing Pan-American Journalists Today Urges Frequent Meetings

INTEREST INCREASING

Latin-American Countries Drawn Closer to America Not Merely in Material Matters

Washington, April 8.—President Coolidge, in addressing today the first Pan-American Congress of Journalists which assembled at the Pan-American Union, urged that the gatherings be held frequently as a means of drawing together the peoples of the Western Hemisphere.

Speaking of the increased interchange of news among the American nations in recent years, Mr. Coolidge declared this awakening of interest had been "one of the most important factors in bringing about a better understanding" of the several countries.

"I venture the prediction," he added, "that as a result of this Congress the papers in the United States in the future will present more complete and more accurate pictures of the cultural and industrial progress of Latin America, and that the press of those Republics will give to their readers a better understanding of the ideals and purposes of the United States."

"If all our citizens here do not yet realize fully that Latin America is as progressive as the United States; and if some Latin Americans, as I have been told in the case, are prone to feel that this country is interested in material things alone, I am sure it may be explained by the lack of that knowledge which comes from personal contact through travel and by the mutual inadequacy of news reports of the significant facts and developments in the respective countries."

The Congress, Mr. Coolidge said, should result in a better comprehension that, "after all, we of the Western Hemisphere are one people striving for a common purpose, animated by common ideals and bound together in a common destiny. Unto us has been bequeathed the precious heritage and the high obligation of developing and consecrating a new world to the great cause of humanity."

Speaking particularly to the delegates present from other countries, Mr. Coolidge expressed the hope that their visit to this country "will be beneficial to you by reason of what you may learn of our general mode of life."

In referring to the ideals and the purposes of the Pan American Union he said the newspapers "may do much to emphasize and make more effective the efforts of this organization to bring the United States and the Latin American Republics into closer bonds of mutual helpfulness."

RADIO COPYRIGHT BILL IS ASSAILED

Washington, April 8.—The radio copyright bill, which has been vigorously supported by broadcasters at joint hearings of the Senate and House patents committees, was assailed as a price-fixing measure today by E. C. Mills, chairman of the administrative committee of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

REV. W. R. HAIGHT DEAD

Rev. W. R. Haight, former pastor of Salem, Beres, Riverside, and Kamothe Gilead Baptist Churches of this County, died in the country near his home at Columbia, Virginia, Monday morning after suffering an attack of acute indigestion Sunday, according to news reaching here today.

Burial was made in Washington, D. C. Thursday afternoon; Surviving him are his wife and several children.

WILL VISIT CHURCH

The Southern Virginia Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., in session in Norfolk yesterday, appointed a commission of Presbytery to visit the field of Antioch Presbyterian Church, colored, in this city, with a view to insuring the future growth of that church. The members of this commission are expected to arrive here in the next few days.

The Last Of Chapman



Secrecy surrounded the burial of Gerald Chapman, "Sugar-bonnet," pictured above, as if the Connecticut authorities feared even in the death of the famous bandit. The burial place was Mount St. Benedict's Catholic cemetery, Hartford, Connecticut. The body funeral came only a few hours after Chapman was hanged. Frederick Gould, of New York, Chapman's lawyer, is standing in the light coat at the left of the picture.

Put \$25,000 on Game of Golf



Archie Andrews (left) wanted to sell his Chicago office building to Fred Bartlett (right) for \$575,000, but Bartlett thought it was worth only \$550,000. They agreed to play a game of golf in Pasadena for the \$25,000. Andrews won.

Success of Sanford Hotel Cited As Reason One Should Pay Here

New encouragement over the prospect that Elizabeth City's proposed 100-room hotel may become a success financially from the start, was gained by the hotel executive committee in session at campaign headquarters in the Chamber of Commerce Thursday morning in a report from Robert W. Cotter, one of the three grocers who completed a year ago in Sanford, and financed on a community basis similar to that being used here.

Mr. Cotter stated that the manager of the Sanford hotel reported excellent business for the first year, declaring incidentally that one family of six, on their way South to spend the winter in Florida, and stopping over in Sanford with the intention of remaining only a day or so, liked the hotel accommodations so well that they remained there for the season, and wrote six other families accordingly, with the result that they, too, decided to winter there.

In the course of the meeting, W. W. Woodley, Sr., cited a recent report by Roger Babson, internationally known financial writer, stating that a survey of business had disclosed that banks came first from an investment standpoint, and that hotels were second.

It was brought out also that Elizabeth City at present has hotel facilities far short of those of many other cities of comparable size. This city, with a population of 8,925, has 81 hotel rooms, including the accommodations at the Duke Inn, according to the survey made by the Hockenbury System before the present campaign was launched. Suffolk, with a population of 9,125, has 150; Fayetteville, 8,827 has 178; Hickory, population 5,076, has 167; Fredericksburg, Virginia, population 5,882, has 143; and Winchester, population 6,883, has 181. Population figures are taken from the 1920 census.

It was stated also that a recent survey taken at the highway bridge at Roanoke, Va., disclosed that 350 "foreign cars" bound north, crossed it daily, on an average. Figures given out by the United States Chamber of Commerce were cited as setting forth that the average load of a car was 3.42 persons. The conclusions drawn from the Roanoke survey was that approximately 1,200 strangers travelling in automobiles passed through the city each day. With the completion of through highways now under construction and about to be begun in the Albemarle district, members of the hotel committee predict that there will be a tremendous increase in tourist travel through this city, affording additional assurance that the hotel should pay.

BIG GAME FRIDAY AT THREE-THIRTY

Syracuse Stars Meet Norfolk Tars on High School Diamond—Dave Robertson Coming

Headed by Manager Bert Shotton and Manager Dave Robertson, the Syracuse Stars and the Norfolk Tars will arrive in this city Friday in the first exhibition ball game of the present season.

The game which is to be played on the High School diamond will begin promptly at 3:30 p. m. Besides the managers of the two teams, and their players, numbering about fifty in all, there will be several sport writers representing Syracuse papers.

While little is known here of the Syracuse team, advance reports are that they have several former big league players on their team, as well as others who have received trials in the big league but are with Syracuse this year for further experience.

The personnel of the Norfolk team is better known, they having an aggregation of young ball players, several of whom are of major league caliber but none so great as to outshine their manager, Dave Robertson, who will be seen in action in Friday's game for the first time locally since he graduated from the Tid-water League in 1911.

BUCKNER SAYS MUST ABOLISH THE JURIES

Washington, April 8.—Federal District Attorney Buckner of New York told the Senate liquor committee today that enforcement of the prohibition law in New York is impossible unless officials are permitted to handle petty cases without trial by jury.

"I can't enforce the prohibition law," said the district attorney, "without the right of police court trial."

"If we are to enforce this law under jury trial I should have 85 Federal judges in my district alone."

Questioned as to what remedy could be applied aside from repeal of the dry law, District Attorney Buckner suggested that the law might be modified as "ball" for New York State to enact laws for dry enforcement.

REBUS MUST SERVE ONE YEAR IN JAIL

Cincinnati, April 8.—Under an opinion handed down by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals here today, George E. Rebus, former Cincinnati bootlegger, will have to serve one year in jail at Dayton, Ohio, unless he appeals to the United States Supreme Court and obtains a reversal of that opinion.

HOPE OF EVENING SERVICE CHANGED

On and after Sunday, April 11, the hour of evening service at the churches in Elizabeth City, will be 8:00 o'clock instead of 7:30, which was the meeting time during the winter months.

The people of Elizabeth City will confer a favor upon the ministers if they will kindly bear this important fact in mind.

CHAIRMAN URGES WHEN IS VOYAGE DEMOCRATS TO CONTINUOUS AND BE WIDE AWAKE WHEN OTHERWISE

P. G. Sawyer Stresses Importance of Having Precinct Meetings Well Attended on April 17

TO NAME DELEGATES IT'S ALL ABOUT OIL

Upon These Precinct Meetings Will Depend Success of County and State Conventions

Chairman P. G. Sawyer of the Democratic executive committee of Pasquotank County is today making the following appeal to the voters of the County:

"At a meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee held in Raleigh on March 19, Saturday, April 17, was the date fixed for holding the precinct meetings in every voting precinct in the State; Saturday, April 24, as the date for holding the County Conventions in each County in the State; and Thursday, April 29, as the date and Raleigh as the place for holding the State Convention.

The precinct meetings are expected to transact the following mentioned business: "First, To select five active Democrats in the precinct as the Precinct Executive Committee, the Chairman of which will be a member of the County Executive Committee.

"Second, To choose delegates to the County Convention.

"Concerning the precinct meetings I desire to urge upon you the great importance of having them well attended. If the precinct meetings are well attended, it will inspire interest and the County and State Conventions will then be well attended. Therefore, I hope and earnestly urge that you use every effort to get interest aroused for the precinct meetings. As chairman I fix the hour for holding the precinct meetings and the County Convention at 11 o'clock a. m.

"The County Convention will, of course, elect delegates to the State Convention and I urge that every effort should be made to have a large delegation at the State Convention to represent Pasquotank County."

Mann Holding Own, Doctor Announces

Virtually no change in the condition of Tommie Mann, of this city, victim of unexplained shooting Sunday night, was reported by Dr. Saliba, surgeon in charge of the Elizabeth City Hospital, Thursday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock. Mann is being attended by Dr. Saliba and Dr. Zenas Peering.

The patient is holding his own," Dr. Saliba stated. "He is spitting a little blood, but thus far his condition has remained localized in the part of the lung which was pierced by the bullet."

Solution of the mystery surrounding the shooting apparently was as far away as ever, Sheriff Carmine and police reporting that nothing more definite had been learned concerning it. Mann, picked up by a passing motorist while lying in his car on the highway a few hundred yards from the point where he had been shot by an unidentified assailant, was brought to the hospital and has been under treatment there since.

MONDELL SOUNDS REPUBLICAN CRY

Durham, April 8.—The first war cry in the political battle of 1926 in North Carolina was sounded here today by Frank W. Mondell, former Congressman from Wyoming and Republican floor leader, who delivered the "key-note" address before the State Republican convention, in session here.

The speakers reviewed the policies and achievements of the Republican party in general, and of the present administration in particular. But he dwelt at most length on the Republican policy of a protective tariff, and urged the value of that policy to North Carolina. It is essential to the prosperity of this state's rapidly growing industrial enterprises, Mr. Mondell declared, and likewise beneficial to agriculture and the wage earner.

SPARTANBURG NEXT ROTARY CLUB CITY

Asheville, April 8.—Spartanburg, South Carolina, was today selected as the next meeting place for the thirty-eighth district Rotary clubs at the convention here.

VISIT SAMARCANO
Raleigh, April 8.—Senator R. S. McColin of Henderson and Senator P. H. Williams of Elizabeth City have visited Samarcano, at the request of Governor McLean, to investigate and report upon the matter of replacing the school there recently destroyed by fire.

Question Difficult for Attorney General Sargent to Decide to Satisfaction of Everybody
Decision in Favor of British Steamship Owners Brought Immediate Protest From the Americans
By DAVID LAWRENCE
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Washington, April 8.—When a cargo of gasoline coming from California via the Panama Canal, and destined for England is landed at New Orleans and there is mixed with some Mid-Continent oil and then shipped to Europe does that make of the merchandise a new product or can the journey be regarded as a continuous voyage from California to Great Britain?
This is the question that has arisen which the Attorney General Sargent has decided in favor of the British steamship owners only to bring down immediately the protests of American steamship owners. And Chairman Scott of the House Committee on Merchant Marine says if the present law is inadequate he will press for corrective legislation at once.
But is the present law insufficient? Is the Attorney General right? The American steamship owners insist the law is pitiful enough if it is properly interpreted.
"First of all the text of the law is important to examine. It prohibits foreign vessels from engaging in coastwise trade and has been one of the principal factors in building up the American shipping industry. The law was passed in order to protect the American ship builder and operator in a sense like a protective tariff. The principal section reads as follows:
"That no merchandise shall be transported by water, or by land and water, on penalty of forfeiture of the vessel, between points in the United States, including Districts, territories, and possessions (hereinafter embraced within the coastwise laws, either directly or via a foreign port or for any part of the transportation in any other vessel other than a vessel built in and documented under the laws of the United States and owned by persons who are citizens of the United States) or vessels to which the privilege of engaging in coastwise trade is extended."
The latter provision relates to purchases by American owners of ships previously under foreign flag.
Thus no foreign owned vessel or ship flying a foreign flag can engage in coastwise trade. The American steamship owners' association insists that when the cargo of gasoline goes from California to New Orleans via the Panama Canal it is still a coastwise transaction. If the cargo were to go no farther, it is conceded that the merchandise could be carried only in American vessels. But the Anglo-American Petroleum Company, a British concern, contends that American steamship owners' point out that the landing at New Orleans is add a little mixture of Mid-Continent oil does not deprive the cargo of its character of foreign commerce. There have been a number of decisions in which it has been held that a mere transshipment at an American port for purposes of reloading or transfer does not interfere with the character of a shipment from an American to a foreign port. The doctrine of "continuous voyage" is an old one in international law, especially in time of war when contraband is shipped from a neutral country to a belligerent country and passes at her neutral port.
Is this instance, however, the American steamship owners' point out that the landing at New Orleans is not merely a transfer but the making of an entirely new product in the city of New Orleans. The journey therefore from California to New Orleans is claimed to be a complete coastwise transaction and should be in American ships while the voyage from New Orleans to Great Britain is the foreign section of the trip and can be made in the vessels of any country.
The American steamship owners have appealed to the United States Shipping Board on the ground that the latter has made loans and invested funds in many ships now engaged in coastwise trade, whose business it is conceded, would be injured if foreign vessels could carry cargoes from one port to another port in the United States. If the Attorney General's opinion is not restrained from being applied by action of the Federal courts, the chances are Congress will be asked to remedy the law and those passed little doubt that it will be anxious to promote the Merchant Marine and anything is expected to extend the operations of the coastwise laws whenever possible.