

Early Work On Floating Road Seen In Repair Of Draw Of Camden Bridge

Taken as Initial Step in Fulfillment of Promise Made by Commissioner Frank Kugler in July

ELATION EXPRESSED

Public Hopeful That Essential Traffic Artery will Have Attention Before Winter Sets In

Elation over the prospect that the "floating road" is about to be put into better condition, is expressed here as work is begun on the draw of the long bridge which forms the terminus of the road at this city. The bridge will be closed Saturday night at 6 o'clock for repairs, and is to be opened again Monday morning at 8 o'clock, barring unforeseen delay. Road enthusiasts here—and that takes in just about everybody—are inclined to regard the work on the draw as beginning the fulfillment of a promise made by Frank Kugler, of Washington, State highway commissioner from the First North Carolina District, that the "floating road" would be bridged in the immediate future, as the means of providing dependable highway access to the counties to the East.

The foregoing promise was made by Mr. Kugler late in July, after he had been visited by delegation from Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton, and was conveyed in a letter to State Senator F. H. Williams, of this city. During the six weeks that have elapsed since, the public here has been waiting expectantly for the proposed improvement.

While nothing official has been given out as to the nature of the work to be done on the "floating road," there have been unofficial advices that the State Highway Department intended to bridge a large section of it, which began sinking a few months after its completion, and has been sinking ever since.

Built of reinforced concrete, 16 feet wide, the "floating road" was put down across a three mile swamp formerly cross-logged without piling, on the theory that concrete laid over a sector of such length would have sufficient displacement to float. It was in the nature of an experiment—and it failed.

Nevertheless, the construction of the "floating road" is declared to have proved of much value to the State's roadbuilding forces, in that it has prevented repetition of the mistake elsewhere. Therefore, the State Highway Commission is understood to look favorably upon an emphatic plea from this section that the cost of the road in large measure be charged against the State as a whole, and not entirely against the quota of State funds for the northeastern counties.

"The floating road" assumes more than sectional importance. It is pointed out here, through the fact that it is an alternative link in the South Atlantic Coastal Highway, running from Washington, D. C., along the Atlantic Seaboard to Florida, and passing through Norfolk, Elizabeth City, New Bern and Wilmington, in this part of the country.

With winter in the offing, with its prospective throngs of motor tourists headed for Florida and elsewhere in the South, strong hope is expressed here that this short defective road link will be put into condition at once. An idea of its importance may be gained from the fact that traffic between this city and Camden Courthouse, only three miles distant, must be detoured via South Mills, a distance of 25 to 30 miles, while the repairs to the bridge are being made. This detour must be made also by all traffic between Elizabeth City and Currituck county.

A surprisingly large volume of traffic passes over the road, as was proved recently by a count made on a busy day. During the morning only, a total of more than 500 vehicles crossed the Camden bridge, those making the count reported. Into it converge all highways from Currituck County to Elizabeth City and all highways to this city from the most populous half of Camden County.

SPAIN RESIGNS FROM LEAGUE OF NATIONS
Geneva, Sept. 11.—Spain today resigned from the League of Nations.

NOT THIS PRITCHARD
Elias E. Pritchard, of the personnel of Pritchard's Barber Shop, North Point street, wants it understood clearly that he is not the E. Pritchard who was up in court yesterday morning on a charge of giving a worthless check.

TWO ARE DEAD IN FLORIDA LIQUOR WAR
Tampa, Fla., Sept. 11.—Two men are dead and a third wounded as the result of a liquor war which broke out today in Ybor City. The victims are Manuel Hernandez and S. Connetto, both of whom were shot to death.

TWO SENTENCED TO HANG FOR MURDER
Wetumpka, Ala., Sept. 11.—Clyde Rose Bachelor and Hays Leonard, negro were today sentenced to be hanged Friday, October 22, for murder of Judge Lamar C. Smith, Bachelor's father-in-law.

Rudy? Wrong



Doubles of Rudy Valentino are in order now, and Des Moines nominates Alvin Teter, 21-year-old shoe clerk. Teter was an "extra" in the filming of "The Ten Commandments," and frequently was mistaken for the shriek.

Charges Against Local Negroes Dismissed

Clarence Exton and Joe Rouse, both colored, the former facing a charge of having committed an offense against a girl under 14 years of age, and the other of a similar offense in which the girl was above the age of consent, were acquitted by Trial Justice Sawyer at the close of a long hearing in recorder's court Saturday morning.

Neither of the girls was present at the hearing, relatives stating that they had departed supposedly for Norfolk last Sunday afternoon, and had not been heard from since. Prosecuting Attorney LeRoy moved that the case be postponed in the hope of locating one or both of the girls, but Trial Justice Sawyer, bearing in mind that Exton had been in jail for about a week as a result of one continuance, declined to grant another. The hearing had been continued from Tuesday morning.

The State's main witness was William Bell, Jr., colored, aged 10, brother of the younger of the two girls. William testified that on returning from a walk to Pryor Town last Sunday afternoon, he found Exton and the younger girl in one room of the home of the family on South Martin street, and Rouse and the other girl in another. The boy gave detailed testimony as to what he claimed to have seen, tending to show that both couples were guilty of the offense charged, but gave it with a glibness that apparently led the trial justice into the opinion that he had been coached carefully before taking the stand.

The mother of the younger girl also took the stand, but her testimony mainly was corroborative of that given by Williams, she alleging that he told her essentially the same story that he told on the stand.

The boy caused a ripple of merriment in the courtroom at the beginning of his testimony, when Prosecuting Attorney LeRoy asked him if he knew what would happen to him if he failed to tell the truth.

"Yes sir," he replied. "I'll go to the devil."

Hearing of the two cases was preceded by a controversy between Attorneys Walter L. Cohoon and Robert Lowry as to which should assist the State in the prosecution.

They argued the matter in the hallway outside the courtroom, and finally effected a compromise by both taking part in the case. Attorney C. E. Bailey represented Exton. Rouse was without counsel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COURSES WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY

Dr. W. A. Smart of Emory University and Prof. H. E. Spence of Duke University on Faculty

STUDY CHILDHOOD

Well Trained Workers Assigned to Teach Courses in Primary and Intermediate Methods

The Elizabeth City District Standard Training School for Sunday school and church leaders begins Sunday night at the First Methodist Church with L. L. Gobbel as director; Rev. C. B. Culbreth, chairman of board of managers; Mrs. G. R. Harrow, secretary; and W. C. Sawyer, treasurer.

Dr. W. A. Smart of Emory University and Professor H. E. Spence of Duke University, will teach classes in "Bible" and the "Educational Task of the Church."

Miss Georgia S. Keene, conference elementary superintendent; Mrs. H. E. Spence of Durham, and Mrs. M. H. McArdle of Norfolk, will be in charge of the classes studying story telling, the junior child, and the primary child.

The training school will begin work Sunday night and continue through Friday night with two class periods each night. The opening session Sunday will begin at 7:30 p. m., and all persons interested are expected to assemble promptly at this time. After a brief worship and introductory service, the classes will begin. Two class periods will be held Sunday night.

After Sunday and through to the end of the training school, the following schedule will be maintained:

7:30 to 8:20—First Class Period.

8:20 to 8:40—Intermission, worship.

8:40 to 9:30—Second Class Period.

Every person attending the school is expected to enroll for one course and only one. "Enroll with the class of your choice and stay with it throughout the school. Do not visit from class to class. Inscrutable visiting will do you but little good, and may interfere with the work of the class. Persons who cannot attend regularly and do credit work, however, are cordially invited to attend the classes and receive all the help possible from the instruction," says the director.

Certificates of credit on the Standard Training Course will be awarded to those attending regularly any one of the courses and doing satisfactory work assigned by the instructor. Pupils expecting credit must attend every class session, provided that in case of illness or equally providential cause the faculty may, by unanimous vote, upon the reception of a written statement from the pupil giving specific reason for absence, excuse from two class periods; provided, further, that no excuse shall be granted for absence on the last day of the school. No one under 17 years of age, unless a graduate from a high school, is eligible for credit. There will be no final examination.

WARRANTS FOR TWO MORE IN THE HALL-MILLS CASE

Someville, New Jersey, Sept. 11.—Warrants for the arrest of two persons as material witnesses in the Hall-Mills case will be issued this afternoon by Justice William Sutphen. It has been learned from official sources it also was intimated that the arrests would be made as soon as the warrants were issued.

Eddie Takes a Lesson



Five-year-old Eddie Ritter, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, admiring of Gene Tunney, gets the heavyweight boxer to show him just how the fist should be doubled up for a K. O.

Senior Class Puts Mussolini Escapes Pep In Sales At Local Store

Conclusive proof that the members of the Senior Class of '27 of the Elizabeth City High School number salesmanship among their many attainments, was forthcoming Friday afternoon, when receipts were counted up at Rucker & Sheely's after the class had run the store through the day.

Raymond Sheely, manager of the store, stated Saturday that his sales the day before had run about 25 per cent above the Friday average for the time of the year. He attributed this freely to the work of his new salesladies and their masculine aides. "They're working like veterans," he declared, enthusiastically. "I'm expecting even a bigger increase in sales today."

Recently, Rucker & Sheely made a proposition to the Class of '27 whereby they would receive four per cent of all cash sales at the store for their services on Friday and Saturday, the commission, to go to the class as a whole, and not to its individual members. The class accepted it.

The seniors who took part in the two days of salesmanship were: Naomi Bagley, Flora Griggs, Lillian Boyce, Myrtle Simpson, Naomi Jackson, Virginia Banks, Lydia Cohoon, Vivian Turner, Dorothy Richardson, Monterey Lomax, Ruth Dozier, Bessie Horner, Clara Pritchard, Marjorie Fearning, Rebecca Stevens, Cecil Patrick, Andrew Bailey, Julian Aydtell, Audrey Grallo, Keith Saunders, Tyre Sawyer and Robert Williams.

HIGHWAY MEET TO BRING MANY VISITORS HERE

Representatives From All Cities Along Route 30 to Attend Affair at the Country Club

SUBJECT IS TOURISTS

Plans to be Made to Advise Coastal Highway and Show Visitors Signs of This Section

The highway meeting to be held Wednesday, September 22, at the Country Club of Elizabeth City will bring representatives from all the cities along Route No. 30 in North Carolina and from Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News, Gloucester and other points along the Tidewater Trail to discuss the best method of handling the influx of tourists to this section, expected this winter, and of advertising the Coastal Highway still farther.

Among the speakers will be Frank O. Miller of Jacksonville and Fred Wards of Brunswick, Georgia, the president and executive secretary of the Atlantic Coastal Highway Association, and several hundred people will be present from North Carolina, while over a hundred are expected from Tidewater Virginia.

The American Automobile Association will feature the Atlantic Coastal Highway in its Southern Guide printed this fall and the effect of the publicity given to motorists by Ernest N. Smith, general manager of the A. A. A., published in northern papers has already been felt here this fall. This will be the greatest winter for tourists ever known in this section, and the purpose of the meeting in Elizabeth City is to arrange for the handling of those on the way, and bringing more here.

The meeting will be held at 11 a. m. at the Country Club. Visitors from Virginia are advised to use Route No. 27 through Great Bridge, Hickory and Moyock to Camden, then following the signs about two miles to the Club. All motorists interested in the development of this great highway are invited—and a very pleasant day with a congenial crowd, good speaking and true North Carolina hospitality is assured all who attend.

VERY NEARLY 300 AT SHILOH HIGH

Teaching Personnel Increased, Building Enlarged, Equipment Added

Shiloh, Sept. 11.—Two hundred and seventy-six pupils, of whom 81 are high school students, registered at the Shiloh school this week and a total enrollment of very nearly 300 is looked for during the session. Seven trucks will be used in the transportation of grade pupils and high school students to and from the school.

Enrollment is but one of the factors which make prospects for 1926 and 1927 at the Shiloh High School bright and encouraging. In addition the teaching personnel has been increased, the building has been remodeled, and now, instead of eight rooms, 12 are occupied, including a well equipped science laboratory, a principal's office in which a complete system of records is kept, and a central elementary and high school library room which acts as a feeder to the grades library and also provides adequate space for tables and chairs for students who care to use it as a study.

Also a fine set of maps has been purchased for class room work in history, English and geography. The teaching staff this year includes S. M. Eddleman, principal and teacher of mathematics and language; Miss Claudia Burgess, teacher of science; Miss Mary Taylor, teacher of history and English; and the following grade teachers: Mrs. Rosa Wright, first; Miss Selma Morgan, second; and Miss Bess Tillett, fourth; Miss Bessie Daugherty, fifth; Miss Ruth Bowen, sixth; Miss Minnie Lee Lanier, seventh.

Formal opening exercises were held on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock in the auditorium with short talks made by J. C. Wright, chairman of the high school board, Rev. G. C. Wood, pastor of the Methodist Church at Old Trap, and Principal S. M. Eddleman. Mr. Eddleman stressed the growth of the school since 1925 and the prospects of the coming year, urging co-operation on the part of patrons, students and pupils in the matter of discipline, and appealing to the patrons to attend the meetings of the Parent-Teachers' Association. The exercises opened with the singing of America and scripture reading and prayer by Rev. I. S. Harrell, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church.

The Sunbury Woman's club entertained the faculty of Sunbury High School Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Ernest Pierce. The home was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, palms and ferns. A word of welcome was extended by Mrs. E. F. Corbell, president of the club, a beautiful solo was rendered by Miss Annie Corbell accompanied by Mrs. Chesler Edwards. A very interesting contest was then enjoyed in which the answer to each number represented a teacher's name, after which Mrs. W. O. Crump rendered very charmingly a vocal selection which was followed by a reading by Mrs. Mills Riddick of Suffolk.

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ANNOUNCEMENT
The Music Class of Urner G. Davis will begin work on September 15. Pupils may enter by calling Phone 463-3 today or at High School Studio Monday a. m. adv.

NEGROES PROTEST WHEN BAPTISTAL PROGRAM HALTED

Charlotte, Sept. 11.—Riot squad of the local police force was called out shortly before noon today when several hundred negroes gathered before the city hall protesting against the halting of the negro baptismal tomorrow planned by "Bishop" Grace, Portuguese "Divine Healer".

Pastors have requested the baptism stopped as grace is alleged to be charging \$3 for each baptism of 600 negroes promising them certain access to heaven.

Swiss Melodies To Be One Feature Chautauqua

On the afternoon of September 16 the High School auditorium will resound with the famous Swiss Tyrolean melodies, sung by Franz Gerl and his Company of Singers and Yodlers. For many years this well-known company has toured the United States, presenting its novel programs in thousands of communities, but last year Mr. and Mrs. Gerl, with their beautiful daughter, Theresa, responded to the lure of their native mountains, and visited their friends and relatives throughout the Swiss Tyrol. Back to the rugged mountains of their childhood, the scenes made famous by William Tell, and the home of the "yodel songs." Now they have returned to the land of their choice, and resumed their tours on the Radcliffe Chautauqua Circuit, invigorated, refreshed and with renewed desire to entertain with the very best of their native music, in the picturesque costumes of the Alpine country-foik.

Yodeling is an art which is developed only in mountain countries. Living on almost perpendicular mountain sides in clearings opposite each other, with poor means of communication, due to the rugged nature of the landscape, the Swiss have built up a mountain language of their own, which is sung, back and forth through the crisp Alpine air. Ordinary tones will not carry across the intervening valleys between the little homesteads, but the resonant yodel songs will penetrate the snow-filled vales and resound over the glacier-clad peaks, telling that all are well and happy. The folk-music of the Alpine regions is, therefore, full of the joyous and exhilarating yodel calls, and when sung to the accompaniment of the national Swiss instrument, the zither, by Franz Gerl and his company, it provides a most unique and attractive bit of Chautauqua entertainment.

The Gerls will provide the entertainment numbers on both the afternoon and evening sessions of the first day of Chautauqua.

URGES ATTEND DISTRICT MEET
Sunbury, Sept. 11.—The district meeting of the Sixteenth District of North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs, will meet in Ahoskie, September 28 at 10 a. m. Among the interesting speakers who will appear on the program will be Mrs. E. L. McKee, of Sylva, president of the State Federations, Mrs. R. R. Cotten of Farmville, honorary president of the State Federation, Mrs. J. G. Fearning of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. Henry S. Gley, ex-State President of the Virginia Federation.

"We want a full delegation from every club," says Mrs. E. F. Corbell, district president. "Come one hundred per cent strong and win the loving cup again. The Fifteenth District has challenged this district for the cup. Your president accepted the challenge and it is up to the clubs to stand by her and win again."

Miss Annie S. Corbell has just received notice of her appointment as District Chairman of music of the Sixteenth District of North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs.

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SHEFFIELD TO GO BACK WITH FULL AUTHORITY

Attitude of President Coolidge Toward Ambassador to Mexico Beginning to Be Understood

CAN BE NO DOUBT

Government Will Seek to Protect Americans in Mexico But Draw the Line at Aliens

By DAVID LAWRENCE

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Washington, Sept. 11.—The true significance of the manner in which the official spokesman for President Coolidge voted to the public the Chief Executive's support of James R. Sheffield, the American Ambassador to Mexico, has just begun to be appreciated by the diplomatic world here.

Mr. Coolidge not only invited the ambassador to Paul Smith's as his guest but, in the declaration given out afterwards, a particular point was made of the executive's complete confidence in Mr. Sheffield.

This is taken to mean that when Mr. Sheffield returns to Mexico City of his final series of negotiations with the Mexican government, he will speak with the complete authority and prestige that attaches to an envoy who really has been given full rein.

Until now the Mexican authorities have been inclined to think that the earnest if not stern words used by the ambassador did not represent the Washington Government's determination. There will be no doubt of it now. For the American Government without making any public utterance and without threat or bluster has begun to insist that it must have some affirmative response to the many petitions it has filed with respect to the protection of American property rights.

As for the religious controversy, Mr. Coolidge's spokesman has clarified the Government's position so there no longer can be any doubt of it. No formal protest in the sense in which the term is used in diplomatic parlance and no representations of a general character arguing the merits of the restrictive religious laws will be made.

The United States Government, however, will not ignore the affair. For instance if any American priest should be deported as was the American archbishop last spring, the matter will be promptly brought to the attention of the foreign office. If any Americans suffer inconvenience either in life or property if there is confiscation of any church property belonging to American organizations—this will become a matter of Governmental attention just as any other property interest of American citizens that may be affected.

But the line is drawn sharply to apply to Americans and not aliens. Heretofore the United States has interceded frequently on behalf of Spanish nationals, for instance, or the French priests. This has been done more especially under the implications of the Monroe Doctrine and usually when foreign governments have requested the United States to use good offices. There is no evidence that any foreign government has asked the United States Government to use its influence on behalf of its nationals affected by the religious laws of Mexico. For the present, therefore, any action taken in diplomatic channels will be confined to securing respect for the lives and property of any American missionaries or priests who may be affected by the religious laws.

In other words, the basis of the diplomatic action is not the religious questions involved but the actual effect on the lives or property of the American citizens affected. It is believed that very few American Catholic organizations own property in Mexico so the opportunities for protest are limited.

The policy adopted by Mr. Coolidge is in line with the precedents applied in the case of protestant missionaries in Turkey and the Near East where diplomatic influence is used by the American embassy to enable the American religious schools and colleges to operate without outside interference.

COTTON MARKET
New York, Sept. 11.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 17.25, Dec. 17.40, Jan. 17.45, March 17.85.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 16.05, a decline of 45 points. Futures, closing bid: Oct. 16.95, Dec. 17.14, Jan. 17.14, March 17.45, May 17.59.

MUSIC PUPILS ASKED TO REGISTER MONDAY

Miss Minnie Nash will begin her classes for piano and violin Monday September 13. Pupils are asked to register on that date, adv.

They Play Parts In "Saint and Sinner" which Begins Monday In The Advance



Nine years old and hard-boiled. The family sheik. They called him Long for short. Who meant what she said and said what she meant.