

## VIRGINIA DARE HIGHWAY ONCE INDIAN TRAIL

Name Will Receive Official Recognition If Plans of Local Highway Enthusiasts Bear Fruit

### PASSES OLD FORT

State Highway Sector to Bear Historic Name Leads From Edenton Through Currituck to Wanchese

A road following a trail probably as old as the Indian occupancy of the Eastern seaboard of the United States is to receive official recognition from the next General Assembly, if plans of local highway enthusiasts bear fruit. They propose the naming of the State highway from Edenton through Herford and Elizabeth City, past Currituck Courthouse to the southern tip of the Currituck peninsula, and thence down Roanoke Island to Wanchese, as the Virginia Dare Highway.

Students of history point out that the road follows the trail of the Indians from the interior, on their way to the furthestmost point on the mainland, there to meet brother Indians who had come by canoe from Roanoke Island and elsewhere in the coast country, to exchange the salt, grain and other products of the uplands for the fish, oysters, and brightly colored shells of the seashore.

In the choice of the name, it is pointed out, that first, tragic gripping chapter in the English settlement of the New World would be perpetuated. The memory of the first child of English parents, lost mysteriously in the wilderness where she first saw light of day, would be kept green for future generations.

Under the appellation of the Virginia Dare Highway would be embraced the 50 miles of concrete highway from Edenton to Currituck, the improved gravel road having some 30 miles down the Currituck peninsula, and from the tip of Currituck at Point Harbor, two alternative routes into and across Roanoke Island.

Both of the latter routes connect by ferry with the mainland at Point Harbor. One runs along the Carolina Banks, through Kitty Hawk and close by Kill Devil Hill, where the Wright brothers conducted their epoch-making experiments in flying. From the resort of Nags Head, this route connects with Roanoke Island by a second ferry. The road is unimproved, however, and will command itself only to those ardent fans who are prepared to brave difficulties in motor travel. There is much deep sand to be dealt with.

The other route is by ferry to the tip of the State highway which bisects Roanoke Island, passing through Manteo, the county seat, and terminating at Wanchese, at the southern end of the island. As in the case with other State roads, this one is kept in excellent condition, and offers no difficulties to motorists.

Incidentally, this latter route passes close by the spot where stood Old Fort Raleigh, where the little Virginia Dare was born, and whence she and the others left behind by Governor John White in 1587 passed into the portals of the Unknown, leaving a mystery which thus far has proved as unsolvable as the famed riddle of the Sphinx, and which has intrigued students of history for more than three centuries.

It is expected that the next General Assembly will be asked to give its official sanction to the name of Virginia Dare for this, the principal highway of the Albemarle District. The highway will assume a new importance next spring, with the completion of the \$600,000 Chowan Bridge at Edenton, connecting it with the remainder of the State, and opening for tourists a new and remarkable scenic and historical route through North Carolina's oldest counties.

## STATE COMPLETES McDERMOTT CASE

Canton, O., Dec. 18.—The state today completed its presentation of direct testimony in the trial of Patrick Eugene McDermott, charged with murder of Don R. Mellett, Canton publisher. The defense motion to have stricken from the record all reference to alleged conspirators with McDermott, was overruled. The defense claimed that the state failed to show conspiracy. Clinton A. Konatz, employe in Rudner's hardware store in Massillon, first defense witness, testified that he never saw McDermott in the store and did not know him. He also denied that S. A. Lengel, deposed Canton police chief, had ever been in the store. State witnesses had testified that Lengel came into the store several times prior to the murder and talked with Rudner.

## Christmas Shoppers Find Unusually Pleasing Range Of Holiday Goods in City

Stores More Attractive Than Ever Before; Many Visitors From Gates and Even From Tidewater Virginia Cities Purchasing Gifts Here

As a convenience to holiday shoppers, stores in Elizabeth City will be open nights until Christmas. It was announced today. A scattering of the merchants have been keeping open these last few nights, but the majority, feeling that ample time will be allowed the public by beginning Monday night, had deferred it to then.

The stores here are presenting the most attractive appearance this Christmas time in the history of the city. Greatly increased attention has been paid to window dressing and arrangement of stocks, and everywhere one is greeted with evidences of real artistry in that line. The merchandise offered, too, is exceptionally attractive.

Visitors to the city these last few days have commented in most complimentary fashion on the stores, drawing comparisons with other cities of similar size in this district, and even much larger ones, that are highly favorable to Elizabeth City.

## Smouldering Anger Over New Road Aired Here

Resentment on the part of several residents of Frog Island, a remote community in the Sound Neck district of lower Pasquotank County, over the opening-up of what formerly was a private road, resulted in the appearance of Tom Cartwright, of that section, in recorder's court Saturday on a charge of trespass. The case was dismissed after a long drawn hearing of testimony.

J. H. Tillett, a neighbor of Cartwright's was the prosecuting witness. He testified that Cartwright had cut trees close to the road in preparation for grading and opening it up as a public thoroughfare, the trees being on land that he (Tillett) had rented from Carl Bright, also of Sound Neck, and had dropped the trees across a cart path that he used in hauling hay from his field.

This led to ill feeling, added to smouldering resentment on the part of Tillett and others over the opening of the road, and the consequent removal of a gate, necessitating that residents of Frog Island cease letting their stock run at large in the enclosure. Last Thursday, a week ago, Tillett testified, he had an altercation with Cartwright, and knocked him down. Later, he said, in defiance to his orders, Cartwright had crossed his property. It was upon that that the charge of trespass was based.

## Langley Is Paroled After Year's Time

Washington, Dec. 18.—John W. Langley, former Congressman from Kentucky, was paroled today after serving one year of the three year sentence imposed on his conviction of conspiracy to violate the prohibition law. He was paroled by the Department of Justice on recommendation of the parole board.

### TRANSPLANTING OAKS

As a means of beautifying the lot on Church street on which he intends to build his new home next summer, Harold C. Foreman, of this city, is having a number of oak trees transplanted there. The trees are about 25 feet tall, and the work is being done by a firm out of town tree surgeons.

Leather tam-o-shanters in varying colors, topped by a bright tassel are new creations, not for the fancy dress party, but for men spectators at football games.

The city was thronged Saturday with holiday shoppers, long before noon, with the crowds increasing steadily as the afternoon wore along. The problem of providing parking space in the downtown district had been reduced materially by a general response to a suggestion that all merchants and salesfolk either walk to work during the Christmas rush, or park their cars on side streets, so as to make available to visitors the bulk of the parking area in the business section.

Attracted by the friendliness and courtesy of the merchants here, the variety and attractiveness of the Christmas goods displayed, and by the pleasure of a jaunt over a paved highway recently completed via South Mills and Portsmouth, except for a two and one-half mile stretch of sand-clay road that never has offered difficulties to motorists, merchants here report a surprising number of Christmas shoppers from Norfolk and other Tidewater Virginia cities.

Thus, while some Elizabeth City folks go to the Hampton Roads cities to do a part of their holiday buying, the more optimistic merchants here are beginning to think that the business thus lost to them is largely offset by the trade that is coming this way from Virginia.

## Jones Is In Trouble Again Over Too Much Talk

Jeremiah Jones, the negro living in the Beres section who broke up a prospective foreclosure sale at his home a few Saturdays ago, appears to have a penchant for throwing a monkey wrench into the otherwise well ordered affairs of mankind. He was up in recorder's court Saturday morning on a charge of having disturbed the colored school in his community while it was in session, temporarily disrupting class work.

The evidence was that Jones small son had been absent from school, and the teacher had reported the fact to the welfare officer, with the result that Jones was reminded of the advisability of complying with the provisions of the State Compulsory Attendance Act. He resented it, and expressed to the teacher in no uncertain terms. Some of the school children had giggled, and he had cast a superheated remark or two in their direction before leaving.

Jones was fined \$10 and costs. Freeman Hassell, also colored, charged with possession of liquor for purposes of sale, was sentenced to four months on the roads. He appealed, and was put under \$300 bond for his appearance at the March term of Superior Court here.

## PLAN NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Plans for a New Year's party, with refreshments, speaking, music and other entertainment, festivities were begun Friday night by Achorse Lodge 14, Odd Fellows. The entertainment is to be given on New Year's night in the lodge quarters at South Road and Fearling streets, and all Odd Fellows in the district have been invited to attend.

### FOUND NOT GUILTY

Charlie Steele, young white boy living in Pasquotank County, was found not guilty in recorder's court Saturday of charges of operating an automobile without proper lights, and of reckless driving, when State's witnesses admitted much uncertainty as to whether he was driving the car at the time of the alleged offense. He claimed someone else had borrowed it.

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## YULETIDE CAROLS BY MASSES CHOIR

In observance of a Yule ceremonial that has come down through the years, a masses choir will sing Christmas carols here Christmas Eve. It is announced by Secretary Job, of the Chamber of Commerce. Members of all the choirs of the city, and all others interested, are being urged to take part in the singing.

The first rehearsal will be held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Christ Church Parish House, and all who will take part in the Christmas Eve event have been asked to attend. Arrangements for an instrumental accompaniment are being made by Miss Minnie Nash, and all instrumentalists who will assist have been urged to report to her.

## Children's Home Fund Is Growing Once More

Rev. G. F. Hill, chairman of the board of the directors of the Pasquotank Children's Home, called Wednesday and informed The Daily Advance that the board had dropped the name, "Anna Lewis Home," and the institution is again called the Children's Home. Official action was taken to this effect at the request of Mrs. Lewis, says Mr. Hill, several months ago.

The Advance had never been notified of this change of name and had continued to call it the Anna Lewis Home. The Children's Home was the first name used, but when Mrs. Lewis gave up her position as Welfare Officer of Pasquotank County, the home was named for her because she had seen the wisdom of such an institution and had succeeded in making others seeing it until the dream became a reality.

This matter now being cleared up, The Advance announces the following contributions today toward making Christmas time happy for these little ones at the Children's Home:

Previously acknowledged \$27.00

Service News Co. 1.00

F. W. Woolworth Co. 5.00

Miss Edla Walker 5.00

G. A. Chappell 10.00

Mrs. Annie Wood Foreman 5.00

Total \$53.00

## Blast Kills One At Rocky Mount

Rocky Mount, Dec. 18.—One man was killed, five are injured, and one is missing as the result of a boiler explosion at Ward Lumber plant here today.

Part of the boiler was hurled through the roof of the Southern Distributing Company 250 feet distant, igniting that building. Both buildings were destroyed.

## New Way Parking Begins First of January

A lone pioneer, blazing the trail for others to follow, parked last night in the newly laid out space for passive cars in the block on East Main street, between McMorine and Poindexter. Motorists weren't expected to park in the central space between the bright yellow lines until after the first of the month; but he was quite oblivious to that.

Attracted somewhat after the fashion of the moth and the candle, that motorist, owner of a Ford sedan, obviously just couldn't resist the lure of those flamboyant yellow markings. He put his car there and left it, content in the sense of duty well done.

The foregoing is by way of reminder to Elizabeth City folks and others who visit here that the new parking arrangement does not become effective until the first day of January, 1927. Until then, motorists should leave their lizzies and limousines on the south side of the street, as heretofore.

## DEMOCRATS SEEK COMPROMISE; IT MAY MEAN REED

Seriously Trying to Avoid Another McAdoo-Smith Row and Reed About to Become the Hero

### OF MIDDLE COUNTRY

Many Democrats Don't Like Him, Some Think Him Too Old, But He Isn't a Pussy-Foot

By ROBERT T. SMALL (Copyright, 1926, by The Advance)

Washington, Dec. 18.—Democrats who deplore the thought of another Smith-McAdoo feud in the next national convention are seriously trying even this early in the game to settle upon some satisfactory "intermediate" candidate. By intermediate they mean some one not so wet as Governor Smith and not so dry as Mr. McAdoo. Furthermore, they mean some one not so identified with the far east as Governor Smith and not so remote from possible Democratic strongholds as Mr. McAdoo.

Geographically, of course, Governor Smith has a decided advantage over his traditional opponent from the Pacific slope. It is very generally conceded that Governor Smith might carry New York State as Democratic candidate for the Presidency. There is no thought that California ever will vote Democratic in a National election again. Something slipped out there in 1926 when Mr. Hughes was defeated, but California ordinarily is counted just about as safe for Republicanism as Pennsylvania, or the old Coolidge commonwealth, of Vermont.

Democrats with the intermediate frame of mind are leaning more and more toward the possibility of one James A. Reed, of Missouri. This gentleman has bulked rather large in the public mind the last several years and more recently he has been the hero in a series of election investigations which promise to come in for a great deal of discussion between the present time and the date in July 1928 that a Presidential candidate is named by the Democratic party.

Mr. Reed is by way of being a Senator from the grand old state of Missouri—a rather strategic point, considering all the circumstances that must be considered in connection with the next campaign. Missouri has just shown a very flourishing return to Democracy. It always is to be expected that "Jim" Reed will be returned to his seat in Washington every time he runs but this year the state went Democratic in an "off" year—meaning a year "in which Jim Reed did no running."

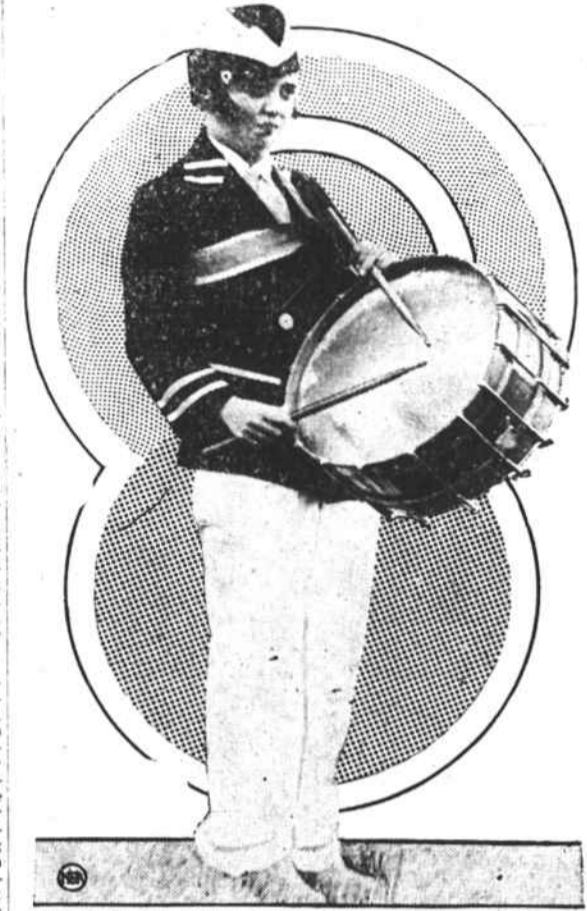
Geographically Senator Reed has a little something on both Governor Smith and Mr. McAdoo. He is from the great middle country which just now is calling so loudly for recognition. He is a man of a status which easily can be swung into Democratic column and he is distinctly a man of the people. He has even been called an "honest and rugged" type, and these are essential qualities in the public mind. Fasten "honest and rugged" to a politician and he is in for a long string of successes. In Senator Reed's case it must be admitted that both adjectives have a very fine application.

He is honest not only in the ordinary acceptance of that worthy term, but he is honest in his standing expression of his views and in maintaining a position once stated every time there is a prohibition debate in the Senate and when the votes are taken. He smiles grimly, but tolerantly at some of his brother-Senators who cast their ballots inevitably dry. Every man, he feels, is entitled to his own code of morals.

It is a strange thing, however, that Senator Reed is not anathema to the dries. Perhaps, after all they admit his "rugged honesty" and directness. The "dries" of Missouri like honesty of opinion. Thousands of them voted for the new Senator, Harry Hawes, because he boldly expressed his wet views.

Then, too, it must not be forgotten that in the pre-national prohibition days, Senator Reed was the author of the famous "bone dry" amendment which carried his name and which prevented the shipment of liquor from wet territory into dry territory. The mere detail of Senator Reed having offered the amendment as a sort of

## Drums Her Way Through School



Aileen Wright, who is just one inch under five feet tall, drummed her way through Superior (Neb.) high school and now is doing the same thing at Hastings College. She is following in the footsteps of her father, who was a drummer boy in the Civil War and taught her to play the instrument when she was a baby.

## Child Is Victim Of Mental Defective

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Walter Schmitt, six years old, died at a hospital here today from a fractured skull following kidnapping and an attack by a man the police believe was a mental defective.

The boy was found unconscious in the lot of a riding academy by Rev. E. L. Sweeney and Rev. C. J. McCarthy, of Saint Vincent's Church, who were led to the place by an unidentified man who called at the church office and told the priests of the attack. The man escaped before the priests could catch him.

## Eleven Indicted In Flogging Case

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—Eleven men, including Deputy Sheriff Clyde Weathers, and county road supervisor G. E. Reichler, were indicted by the Wake County grand jury today charged with flogging E. A. Jones, country merchant, and Sam Green, his negro helper, last week.

The indicted include Edward Robertson, Lathara Stell, Wiley Oneal, J. John Hamrick, Doctor J. R. Hever, Leland Rogers, Whit Ramsey and Benny Weathers.

### BOY BADLY HURT

Friends and relatives here have received news of the injury of Stanton Murphy, 9 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Murphy of Portlock, Virginia, in an automobile accident. Both his legs were fractured and he is suffering internal injuries. He was struck by a car as he alighted from the school bus near his home Wednesday afternoon.

The boy's mother was, before her marriage, Miss Sadie Stanton, of this County, and is well known here.

Joke need not be recalled. It got to be a law.

Of course there are some killings around every time the Reed boom is mentioned. They say the Senator is "too old." No one ever thinks of "Jim" Reed as being "old." He is the picture of virility. But it is a fact that he is 65 years of age and would be over 67 before he could be inaugurated if by chance he were elected in 1928.

Worst of all, the killjoys say there has only been one presidential election since he took office. William Henry Harrison was 68 when he was inaugurated and he only lived one month from that date. Zachary Taylor, 64 at his inauguration only lived a year and a half in office, but James Buchanan, nearly 66 at inauguration time filled his entire term.

It is more than an even bet that Jim Reed would serve out his term, if elected. He would have such a good time. His messages to the Congress he knows so well, would be epic.

## Lithuanian Revolt Seems Bloodless

London, Dec. 18.—The military coup in Lithuania appears to have been carried out bloodlessly, although one report through Warsaw says there was fighting near Kovno where one regiment remained loyal to the government.

With only erratic telephone and telegraph communication the situation was not entirely clear today but it seemed established that the group headed by former President Antanas Smetona and Major Plekhanavichus was in the saddle.

London, Dec. 18.—The crisis caused yesterday by the military coup has ended, says a message received today from Kovno by the Lithuanian legation. The message states that President Grinius after accepting the resignation of his normal duties. He has named Professor Valdemar premier and foreign minister.

### FUNERAL OF LITTLE BOY

The funeral services for T. C. Perry, Jr., eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Perry, who died Wednesday evening, were conducted at the home at Okisko Friday afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. W. F. Elliott.

The First Grade pupils of Central High School, attended the funeral in a body, accompanied by their teachers, Misses Lula Yates and Guslie Lee Harrell. The children marched into the room where the service was held and stood while the pastor spoke, then filed quietly out and stood on each side of the walk as the funeral procession passed, singing the song which the little boy had sung on his death bed, "Everybody Ought to Love Jesus."

Their floral offering was one of many beautiful ones which told of the sorrow and sympathy in the hearts of friends throughout the community.

Burial was made in the family burying ground near the home.

## Here Are The Rates Announced Year Ago

In view of the fact that the subscription of many readers who have never paid for The Daily Advance at its present rates have expired during the past thirty days, it may not be amiss to publish these rates again. They are as follows: One week (pay carrier) —12c One month (pay office) —\$2.25 Three mos. (in advance) \$1.35 Six mos. (in advance) —\$2.60 Twelve mos. (in advance) \$5.00 There will be no change for the present in subscriptions sent outside the city by mail. These rates are:

Zone One, 12 months —\$4.00 Zone One, 6 months —\$2.25 Zone One, 3 months —\$1.25 Zone Two, 12 months —\$5.00 Elsewhere, 12 months —\$6.00 These rates have been in effect since January 1, 1926.

## PASTOR RELATES STIRRING STORY OF YULE ORIGIN

December 25 Really Wasn't Birthday of Christ, Dr. Templeman Reminds Kiwanians, in Address

### WAS ROMAN HOLIDAY

Comes to Twentieth Century As Survival of Great Saturnalia, When Whole World Was at Peace

The compelling story of that obscure Young Man of Galilee, who never led an army and never wrote a book, but who nevertheless changed the history of the world, was told last night by Dr. Samuel H. Templeman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, at the weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis Club at the Southern Hotel. Dr. Templeman reminded his hearers that December 25, as a matter of fact, could not have been the birthday of the Saviour. In immediate proof of that, he cited the fact that the shepherds were tending their flocks on the hills at the time He was born, and that the annals of Palestine record that they did that only from about the middle of April to this middle of October.

"History shows that the Saturnalia of Rome, biggest pagan festival of the year, was celebrated on December 25," Dr. Templeman related. "The Romans made gifts to one another, and had great feasts. The world was at peace that day—and every slave was free."

"Rome had a great many slaves, and there were a vast number of Christians among them. Hence it was that on December 25, the day in the year when they were free and when the world was at peace, these Christian slaves gathered to celebrate the birthday of Christ. When Rome turned from paganism to Christianity, the people continued to celebrate December 25, then accepted as the birthday of Christ."

Dr. Templeman declared that Christmas became worth while to Kiwanians, as to everyone else, to the extent that they put themselves into the spirit of Christ, adding that they must get above the Saturnalia of Rome, and in making gifts, must accompany them with something of Christian ideals if the day was to be worth while.

The club voted to postpone Friday night's luncheon on account of it falling on Christmas Eve, but to meet again the following Friday night. The Kiwanian Evans Blades across at that juncture to inquire if the following Friday night wasn't New Year's Eve? Upon being told that it was, he opposed the change on the ground that that was a bigger night than Christmas Eve.

A number of songs by the original Kiwanis Quartet, accompanied on the piano by Miss J. Walston, and two pleasing solo numbers by Harold C. Fosman afforded a diverting touch of variety to the program. The members of the quartet were Harry G. Kramer, Wesley Woodley, Jr., Evans Blades and Harold C. Fosman.

In behalf of a special committee, Kiwanian Cam Melick went to tender a wedding present to Hugh Beal, recently married. The gift was a brand new and very stout looking rolling pin.

Upon motion of Kiwanian C. R. Pugh, the club voted to leave the matter of a Christmas gifts to the needy or underprivileged to the board of directors, with power to act. Kiwanian C. W. Gasker, chairman of the attendance committee, had charge of the program for the evening, and Kiwanian President J. Kenyon Wilson presided.

## DEATH OF EMPEROR EXPECTED ANY TIME

Toyko, Dec. 18.—A bulletin from the household department tonight said the condition of Emperor Yoshihito virtually was unchanged. This was the first official report from the sick room since noon. Although no one outside the royal family, cabinet and attendants know what is happening in the chamber where the Mikado is dying, newspapers correspondents have been told that an important announcement is coming. The nation is stifled with expectation. Battleships are anchored nearby and all princesses and princesses are present. Two attempts at Harikar, have been noted in Hayama village in the last few hours, one of the nurses trying to cut her throat and a minor official trying to kill himself.

Every river originating in the state of Arizona finds its source in "Old Baldy," a 14,000-foot peak in the northern part of the state.