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## Paving Of Causeway Puzzling to Engineers

### Present Improvements Should Remedy Sinking of Road

#### ALWAYS PROBLEM

### Ferry and Floating Bridge In Old Days Recalled

The tops of the tall cypress trees on either side of the road through the causeway just outside of the Town of Hertford leaning to almost form an arch above the road have always seemed to indicate that the soil in which the roots of the trees are set lacks firmness.

Engineers of the North Carolina State Highway Commission who planned the hard surfacing of this bit of road in 1925 took into consideration this condition when they specified a foundation of deeply driven piles to support the steel-reinforced concrete surface.

But for all their pains, the support was insufficient, and sections of the road began some years ago to settle, until it became increasingly evident that the road was unsafe and this year steps were taken to correct the trouble.

The work being done at present is something more than repairing. It carries out the former idea of the engineering project, but in a more intensified manner. The idea of building a foundation of closely driven piling at a great depth on which to rest the steel-reinforced concrete pavement is a most ingenious bit of engineering. But whereas the original plan included the driving of only two rows of piles in the road, with concrete caps and steel-reinforced concrete surfacing, the plan now being put into effect places three additional rows of heavy cypress piles at 11-foot intervals, driven in some instances to a depth of as much as 55 feet. The "caps" referred to are formed by cutting off the piles several feet below the surface of the ground and forming a pit extending several feet around the top of the pile, the pit being filled of concrete. When this is dried sufficiently there is placed over the entire surface a heavy network of steel. Concrete is then poured over the entire network, filling in the pit and covering the steel.

That there is quicksand far below the surface of the causeway has long been suspected by those familiar with the road. If this condition exists only in certain spots, however, there is every probability that the reinforcement made to the original foundation should take care of the trouble. The causeway, that stretch of tree-lined marsh land which has excited so much comment and admiration, on either side of which for a mile is afforded a view of the picturesque Perquimans River, was first utilized as a road when the old ferry which used to be operated across the river to "Phelps Point," where Hertford now stands, was discarded for the "float bridge."

The causeway was covered with water at high tide. The constructing of a road through the narrow stretch of low land was a problem, even when to build a road meant only the reinforcement of the natural soil with extra dirt hauled upon it, and the laying of poles across the deep places. They say that enough dirt has been hauled upon the road of the old causeway to form a small mountain if it had not sunk.

The road wasn't so bad, as roads went, in those days. There were no automobiles to get stuck. Probably one of the reasons why there was no more complaint of the road then was heard was because the citizens remembered the inconvenience of the ferry which the road through the causeway and the float bridge replaced.

The float bridge was a unique arrangement, constructed on empty barrels, which kept the structure afloat. And if sometimes horses balked or refused to be driven on the bridge, at least the bridge was always there and the traveler did not have to wait for a ferry. He was glad to lead his horse upon the rude bridge.

The ferry probably landed George Washington in Hertford, unless he made his trips through the country where he owned farm lands by boat. The ferry had been in use "since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary" and was in use until after the Civil War.

An old lady who died some years ago and who had spent her entire life in Hertford recalled the existing

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## BRIDEGROOM



DR. T. P. BRINN

Dr. Thomas Preston Brinn, prominent young Hertford physician, whose marriage to Miss Mary Embry Glasson, of Durham, took place in the Duke University Chapel, Durham, on Tuesday of this week.

## MAYOR E. L. REED ORDERS WEEDS CUT

### Unless Owners Cooperate, Work Will Be Done By City Employees and Charged as Taxes

Mayor E. L. Reed is giving notice in today's issue of The Perquimans Weekly that weeds must be cut down on property in the Town of Hertford.

There are comparatively few vacant lots within the town limits, but there are several spots which are unsightly because of the growth of weeds. These places must be cleaned up. If the owners do not have the work done, the Town will do the work and charge the cost to the owners, including the amount in the taxes due. This is in accordance with a Town Ordinance which provides for this procedure. So no weeds or undergrowth will be left to grow on town property.

## William Crawford Speaker At Rotary

Cadet William R. Crawford, of West Point, who is spending his summer vacation with his mother, Mrs. L. R. Crawford, in Hertford, was guest speaker at the Rotary Club meeting on Tuesday night.

Cadet Crawford's remarks, which were both entertaining and enlightening, concerned the activities of the Military Academy. He gave a general outline of the academic affairs, speaking briefly of the mode of discipline and the hours of work.

In the class with Cadet Crawford were originally enrolled 440 men, of which approximately 25 per cent have been eliminated, most of the eliminations being due to academic failures.

The Rotarians expressed themselves as delighted with Cadet Crawford's contribution to the program.

President Luther H. Butler, who presided, announced that, contrary to the previous procedure of naming one Rotarian as head of the program committee for an entire year, he was placing four on this committee, each one to be responsible for the program for a period of three months. Silas M. Whedbee will serve the first three months, F. T. Johnson, the second, A. W. Hefren the third and D. S. Darden the fourth.

The only absentees on Tuesday night were Tim Brinn, Chas. Whedbee, Silas M. Whedbee, and B. N. Hines.

## Attend Brinn-Glasson Wedding In Durham

Hertford people attending the Brinn-Glasson wedding, which took place in the Duke University Chapel, Durham, on Tuesday, included the two brothers of the bridegroom, Robert W. and Jack Brinn; Mrs. Beverly Tucker and her daughter, Miss Anna Penelope Tucker, and Miss Esther Evans.

## Lyman Shepherd On State Highway Patrol

Lyman Shepherd, of Hertford, who had been in training for a position on the North Carolina State Highway Patrol for the past several weeks, has passed his examinations satisfactorily and will be given a position on the force.

## WHITESCHOOLSIN COUNTY TO OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 18

### Opening of the Colored Schools Delayed to September 30

## NEW COACH

### Carl Rogers of Massachusetts In Charge Of Athletics

September 18 is the date set for the opening of the white schools of Perquimans County, according to County Superintendent of Education F. T. Johnson, who returned this week from his vacation spent in Western North Carolina. The colored schools will not open until September 30.

Mr. Johnson reports that he has secured a new science teacher and athletic coach for the Perquimans High School, in the person of Carl Rogers, of Natick, Mass.

Mr. Rogers is a graduate of Springfield College, in Massachusetts. He comes highly recommended by former Coach Hughes, who resigned the position in Perquimans to take a similar one at Maury High School in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Rogers made an outstanding record in athletics at Springfield. He has been director of athletics in a boys' camp in Massachusetts this summer.

## HIT OR MISS

They were on a house party at Nags Head, several young married couples of Hertford. At the cottage where they were staying there is a shower bath in a small inclosure off the back porch, the shower being operated by means of a pump outside the inclosure which is worked by hand.

One of the ladies, the most timid one of the group by the way, whose pet aversion is snakes, went in to take a shower after her dip in the ocean. The small room was dark, there being very little means of lighting the place, and the bather had discarded her bath suit and was under the shower before she spied the five-foot snake on the floor.

Perhaps the rest of the story may be left to the imagination, but the lady says it was a fortunate thing for her that it was her husband manipulating that pump outside where her bath robe was hanging.

A grasshopper lighted on Bill Jordan one night last week and he thought the big creature was a mosquito. I wonder if mosquitoes do grow to the size of grasshoppers in Bagleys Swamp.

"Hello!" responded B. C. Berry when the telephone at Morgan's Modern Grocery rang one day last week. "Number Ten," came the voice over the wire, "please tell me what time it is." Mr. Berry obligingly gave the requested information, but he didn't know what had happened at the other end of the wire. It seems that Mrs. T. S. White had a new maid. Every day the girl had heard Mrs. White take down the receiver and ask for Number Ten. The girl, unaccustomed to using the telephone, thought that was a necessary part of the procedure, and when Mrs. White instructed her to call over the telephone and ask the time, she just asked for Number Ten, as she had heard Mrs. White do.

"She's been looking for you to come like a thief in the night!" That was what an old colored woman told Miss Maude Prigden who went to call on one of the girls of her home economics class last week. The young lady's home project is home beautification, and it seems that for some time she has been all prepared for the supervisory visit of her teacher.

Miss Prigden reports that she found everything in shiplike shape, although she didn't go "like a thief in the night."

## Churches Allowed To Hold Revival Meetings

According to an announcement made by Dr. C. A. Davenport, acting health officer of Perquimans County, the order forbidding the holding of revival meetings in the county on account of the danger of spreading infantile paralysis has been revoked. The lifting of this restriction will go into effect Sunday, August 25.

## GROUP SEEKING ROAD NOW PLAN TRIP TO RALEIGH

### Will Present Petition to State Highway Commission

## MANY SIGN

### Calculated to Be Link In Road If Bridge Is Erected

A delegation of representative citizens, including a number of residents of Durants Neck, will go to Raleigh during the first week in September to appeal to the State Highway and Public Works Commission to extend the hard surface road from New Hope to Durants Neck.

To a petition circulated by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Griffin, prominent Durants Neck residents, hundreds of names of prominent Perquimans citizens have been signed. This will be presented to the commission.

It has been suggested that, not only would the extension of this road to Durants Neck give an outlet for the more than a hundred families isolated by bad roads at times during the winter months, but that it might serve as a link in connecting a bridge across the Albemarle Sound, in the event it should be decided to build this bridge, with the hard surfaced road at New Hope, which leads to Hertford.

It has been suggested, in connection with the three-bridge state project, one to cross the Alligator River, one to cross Croatan Sound and the other to cross the Albemarle Sound, that the bridge across the Albemarle Sound be built from a point in Tyrrell County to Reed's Point, which is a part of Durants Neck, in Perquimans.

In the event it should be decided to build this bridge across the Albemarle Sound at this point, the hard surfacing of the Durants Neck Road, which the residents of Perquimans have been urging, would become a State project, instead of a county project.

Promoters of the idea to build the hard-surfaced road in Durants Neck have stated that the idea is a county project and not a community affair.

## Hertford Physician Married On Tuesday

Miss Mary Embry Glasson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Glasson of Duke University, Durham, was married to Dr. Thomas Preston Brinn son of Mrs. J. T. Brinn and the late Mr. J. T. Brinn of Hertford on Tuesday morning at 11:00. The wedding took place in the Duke University Chapel with only members of the two families present. Rev. W. A. Stanbury, former pastor of the Duke Memorial Church, Durham, performed the ceremony.

The bride entered on the arm of her father to the strains of the bridal march from Lohengrin. She wore a Bermuda blue crepe suit with navy blue accessories and a shoulder corsage of white gardenias. During the ceremony Meditation from Thais was softly played, and afterwards, as a recessional, Mendelssohn's Wedding March. Paul D. Robinson, Duke University organist, furnished the music for the ceremony; and immediately following, Anton Brees, carillonist of the Bok Tower in Florida, played Ah Sweet Mystery of Life on the Duke University Chapel carillon.

Mrs. Brinn was graduated from Duke University, where she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She received her M. A. from Duke in 1934. For the past several years she has been head of the science department in the Perquimans High School at Hertford.

Dr. Brinn was graduated from the University of North Carolina, took two years in medicine there, and received his M. D. from the University of Pennsylvania. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and of Phi Chi, medical fraternity. He has for several years been practicing medicine in Hertford.

The couple will be at home in Hertford, North Carolina after September 7.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION FOR APPENDICITIS IN E. CITY

Mattie, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reed, who live near Hertford, was taken to the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City on Sunday, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. The little girl's condition is reported as very satisfactory.

## Judge Cracks Down On Drunken Drivers

### HAT IN RING



DR. RALPH W. McDONALD

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, of Winston-Salem, leader of the antisales bloc and champion of the schools in the 1935 General Assembly, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor of North Carolina.

In his brief announcement Dr. McDonald calls for a definite choice between "machine government for the benefit of the few" and "genuine democratic government for the benefit of all."

Dr. McDonald stated that he is unconcerned over reports that an unlimited amount of money would be spent in an effort to defeat him. "I have had that experience before," said McDonald. "The day when a North Carolina election could be bought is gone forever."

## DRUG STORE SOLD TO FRANKLIN MAN

### Louis Anderson Sells "Anderson's on the Corner" to J. G. Roberson This Week

Anderson's Drug Store, known as "Anderson's on the corner," has been sold to J. G. Roberson, of Franklin, Va.

The deal was consummated this week and the new owner has already assumed control.

Mr. Roberson, the new owner of the drug store, is a registered pharmacist.

Mr. Roberson's wife, who was the former Miss Laura Spivey, is a native of Perquimans County. She is a sister of Mrs. Herman Winslow, of Hertford.

## Miss Maude Prigden Back From Vacation

Miss Maude Prigden, who has charge of the Home Economics Department of the Perquimans High School for the past five years, has returned from her vacation and resumed her duties in connection with home economics.

Miss Prigden's program of work this summer includes the supervision of the home projects which the girls of the Home Economics class of the school are engaging in this summer. There are numerous projects, including home beautification, canning and preserving, house management, and family relationships.

Miss Prigden will visit in the homes of the girls and supervise the work being done before the opening of the school in September.

## House Party Returns From Nags Head

The members of a house party composed of Hertford folks came up from Nags Head Sunday after a week spent at the popular resort. Those in the party included Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and their son, Harrell; Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Raper, Misses Marian Raper, Edith Everett and Martha Elizabeth Jordan; Clarke Stokes, Edison Harris and James Divers.

## Sister Mrs. T. W. Perry Dies At Kitty Hawk

Mrs. W. S. Perry, of Kitty Hawk, a sister of Mrs. T. W. Perry of Hertford, died at her home after a long illness on Tuesday night. Mrs. T. W. Perry, who had been called to her sister's bedside a few days previously, was with her sister at the last.

Funeral services for Mrs. Perry took place at Kitty Hawk on Thursday and buried followed in the family burying ground.

Mrs. Perry, who was 58 years of age, had been sick for a long time.

### Says Driving While Drunk Worst Menace To Human Life

## ROAD SENTENCE

### Mr. Oakey In Drive Will Not Impose Only Fines

Taking the position that the drunken driver of an automobile is one of the most serious menaces to human life that we have in North Carolina today, Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., in Recorder's Court on Tuesday sentenced Will Spruill, well known Hertford resident, to 60 days in jail, to be hired on the roads, and fined him \$50, taxing him also with the court costs, and in addition revoked Mr. Spruill's driving license for the period of one year. Mr. Spruill appealed to Superior Court.

"It is just a blessing of God Almighty that you did not kill some child instead of running into a truck and doing only minor damage," stated Judge Oakey to Mr. Spruill, who pleaded guilty to the charge of driving while drunk, pleading not guilty to the charge of reckless driving. He was convicted, however, of the latter charge, when evidence was introduced to show that he was driving down Grubb street at an excessive rate of speed.

"I must say," continued Judge Oakey, "that if you people who get into cars and drive while under the influence of liquor would kill only yourselves there wouldn't be so much damage done. When you kill innocent people, however, it is a tragedy. The courts of North Carolina do not seem to take enough notice of these tragedies."

In referring to the circumstances of the death of the late Dr. G. E. Newby, of Hertford, Judge Oakey said, "One of the finest men who ever lived in this county was killed only a few weeks ago by a man who got under the wheel of an automobile while drunk."

"I have thought this over carefully," continued Judge Oakey, "and I have decided that as long as I am on this bench I am going to try to do something to protect the people. There have been over a thousand persons killed on the highways of this State already this year. I want the people of this county to realize that any one convicted in this court of driving while under the influence of liquor is going to get a jail sentence, or a road sentence. I don't care who it is, if it is my own brother." "It is just as dangerous," he said, "to drive an automobile while drunk as it would be for a man to run up and down the street shooting a gun with his eyes shut."

## Winners Named In Stewardship Contest

Mabel Spivey, of Hertford, was the winner in the Stewardship Contest, representing the Girls Auxiliary, and Pencie Ward, of Bethal, was the winner for the Young Woman's Auxiliary, at the county-wide meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church held at Mt. Sinai on Wednesday.

Among the Hertford ladies attending were Mesdames J. E. Everett, C. W. Reed, B. W. Thach, Mark Gregory, Robert White, J. H. Pruden, Matt Mathews, Ellie White, Sidney Broughton, R. L. Jordan, Charles Johnson, Chas. E. Johnson, D. S. Dempsey, J. P. Perry, V. A. Holdren, Reginald Tucker, L. N. Hollowell, Carlton Cannon, T. L. Jessup, D. Spivey, H. T. Broughton, Josiah Elliott, Charles Elliott, S. T. Sutton, E. W. Mayes, J. J. Fleetwood, C. R. Holmes, and Misses Margaret Mardie, Lucille Sutton and Bertha Chappell.

## Winslows Entertain Friends On Yacht

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winslow, of Winfall, are entertaining a party of friends on their yacht "Cypsy" at Nags Head this week. The party, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Winslow, Miss Mary Webb, Miss Ruth Hollowell, Miss Ruth Hazel Ward and Ashley Fleetwood, left Hertford on Saturday night. They expect to return on Friday of this week.

## JORDAN CHILDREN IMPROVING

Margaret and Milton, children of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jordan, who have been sick with an attack of malaria, are improving. Mrs. Jordan and Edward are still confined to their beds, suffering from malaria.