

JAM WILL SWALLOW EXPENSIVE BRIDGE

Concrete to Cover Span Built at
Grand Coulee.

Washington. — Completion of a \$400,000 steel bridge across the Columbia river at the site of the Grand Coulee dam, which will serve its purpose and disappear beneath tons of concrete within six months, was reported to Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the interior, by John C. Page, commissioner of reclamation.

The bridge is 3,000 feet long and 175 feet high and contains 7,000 tons of steel. Three standard-gauge railroad tracks cross the bridge, which extends from the two great concrete mixing plants at the west and the east abutments. It is one of the busiest bridges in the world, since a relay of trains are moving back and forth across it continuously, hauling concrete in four-cubic-yard buckets for placement in the dam. Already nearly 6,000,000 tons of concrete has been handled by cranes which move about on the bridge to serve the workmen far below.

Despite the fact that the bridge cost more than \$500,000 and will be swallowed up in the concrete of the dam, its construction was justified with the explanation that it is the most efficient means devised, and less expensive than any other method proposed, for placing the enormous yardage of concrete required over the dam foundation area, which is 500 feet wide and 3,000 feet long.

From the high bridge, cranes swing buckets loaded with eleven tons of concrete to any point within a strip 125 feet wide across the river.

Try Kindness in Reform

School in Pennsylvania

Huntingdon, Pa. — John D. Pennington, Pennsylvania's welfare secretary, has announced that the experimental stage of his "philosophy of constructive friendship without indulgence" at the Pennsylvania Industrial School for Boys is completed and that the practice will be made permanent.

The plan, begun by Pennington, a retired naval officer and former federal prohibition administrator, included elimination of dungeons where inmates were sent, often for petty offenses, solitary cells, "short" diets, long work periods and hard labor chores.

Inmates, instead, were prompted to reduce sentences and gain extra credits in merit ratings through study and conduct. Guards were instructed to promote friendship among the boys, act less harshly in criticism and permit more association of inmates among themselves.

The new system has attracted nationwide attention of crime students and penologists.

Mistake in Seed Wheat

Costs Matanuska's Crop

Palmer, Alaska. — Matanuska colonists, farming the government's most ambitious resettlement project, figured they had lost a year's work.

All seed wheat bought by the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation corporation, governing body of the colony, for re-sale to the Matanuska pioneers, was found to be winter instead of spring wheat.

Already planted, it will not produce until next year. A shortage of feed for an estimated 50,000 chickens and several large flocks of geese, ducks and turkeys was feared.

The situation was further complicated by the fact that much of the wheat was planted on land rented for this year only. Since the wheat will not produce until next year, some colonists raised the question of who will be entitled to the crop.

Virginia City Without

Taxes Keeps Costs Down

Bedford, Va. — This Virginia town of 4,990 population, which recently celebrated its eightieth birthday, has established a widespread reputation as a city without taxes.

Since early in 1935, citizens of Bedford have paid no local tax assessments whatever. Civic leaders attribute this to sustained good civic management.

Under its present budget, the municipality-owned light and water plant, owned by the government, and in addition permit regular contributions toward retirement of the city's bonds, an obligation that has been out almost in half during the past seven years.

Bedford's operating expenses have shown no increase during the last 10 years. The city is governed by a mayor and eight councilmen elected from among its citizens, most of whom are women. A city manager works directly under the mayor.

Reminders

Romeo, Mich. — In the barn at the home of William N. Gray here are a score or more of turkey legs. They are all that are left of the wild turkeys which Gray killed as a youth 70 years ago.

Cover Air-Cooled

Franklin, Ind. — Air-conditioned new homes are being introduced in Franklin, where the "dry heat" is common.

"YOU BET YOUR LIFE"

WHEN YOU DRIVE
AT HIGH SPEEDS

For instance

DANGER LOOMS!



One second's
reaction
You travel 151 feet

JAM ON BRAKES!



A split-second to react



(Telephone poles are 50 feet apart)

151 feet more needed to stop

Minimum total 291 feet

(Travelers Safety Service)

Put this question to ten of your friends who drive:

"When you are going 40 miles an hour on a dry, level road, what is the shortest distance in which you can bring your car to a full stop?"

If they are average, seven will say they can stop in 40 feet or less; two will guess somewhere between 40 and 80 feet; and one will be so uncertain that he won't hazard a guess.

It is surprising to discover how little the average man knows about the first principle of good driving.

You can assure your friends that if they do stop their cars in less than 40 feet from a speed of 40 miles an hour, it will be because they have rammed into a brick wall or a telephone pole! Only an automobile with very good brakes can stop in less than 80 feet from this speed, and it is impossible for any car to

stop in 50 feet on an ordinary road because it will skid farther than that with all four wheels locked.

The pictorial chart above shows the danger of driving at high speeds. At 55 miles per hour a car travels 81 feet in the single second during which the driver's eyes might leave the road to glance at a road sign or to look at an instrument on the dashboard. Once he sees a dangerous situation ahead, the car travels 59 feet during the time it takes him to get his foot from the accelerator to the brake. And then, even with good brakes, he cannot bring the vehicle to a stop in less than 151 feet.

Many drivers pride themselves on how fast they can make their cars go; it is much more important for them to know how fast they can stop.

A New Team of Singing Lovers

ALLAN JONES and JEANETTE MacDONALD in "The Firefly"



STATE THEATRE FRIDAY

Each recent year has brought to the screen a finer type of musical picture and 1937 is no exception. "The Firefly," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's impressive adaptation of Rudolf Friml's memorable operetta, with Jeanette MacDonald in her seventeenth musical triumph, is Hollywood's new offering at the State Theatre.

Allan Jones and Warren William as the star's leading men delighted the audience.

"The Firefly" presents a powerful story of dramatic romance, as well as a vehicle for remarkable music. M-G-M has gone the limit in its settings and in the artistry of presentation.

Hunt Stromberg and Robert Z. Leonard produced and directed, respectively, and in the opinion of this reporter the combination surpassed its Academy Award winning collaboration of a year ago, "The Great Ziegfeld."

Levith scenes in the High Sierras and others made on thirty massive sets present the sweeping drama of old Spain. In the period when Napoleon was defeated by Wellington at Waterloo.

Seven thrilling musical numbers, five of them from the original Friml operetta, feature the picture. Two others were written by Friml especially for the film. Miss MacDonald dances beautifully and sings "Love Is Like a Firefly," "He Who Loves and Runs Away" and "When a Maid Comes Knocking at Your Heart" in perfect voice.

Allan Jones sings "A Woman's Man" and "The Donkey Serenade," and they sing in duet "Gamin's Mix" and "Romantic" with charming effect.

Overall and Mary life bring thrills in "The Firefly" and "Gold" Monday

CHAPANOKE NEWS

Miss Linnie Bell Long has returned to her home after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Crafton Russell.

Mrs. John Symons was in Elizabeth City on business Friday.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson was in Elizabeth City Friday afternoon.

Little Helen Goodwin is convalescing from measles. She has been ill several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Elihu Lane were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lane Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Alexander, Misses Mattie Meade Alexander and Susie Mae Wilson spent Saturday afternoon in Elizabeth City and attended "Rosalie" at the Carolina.

Miss Elizabeth Goodwin is spending several days with her brother, Crafton Russell, and Mrs. Russell.

Mrs. Steve Goffrey, of Woodville, who has been very ill at her home with pneumonia, is better.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Quincy and family have moved into their new home.

Crawford Wilson, of Norfolk, Va., is expected home Friday to spend two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson.

Mrs. Z. W. Evans and Jesse Wilson and J. C. Wilson spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. J. M. Wilson, at Weaverville.

Mrs. Grizelle Moore, of Winfall, was visiting friends here Wednesday.

Miss Hilda Byrum and Robert Hurdle motored to Portsmouth, Va., on Friday.

Little Miss Beulah Lane is quite sick with measles this week.

Mrs. Bertha Whitehead spent Wednesday in Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Daisy Perry spent Wednesday in Elizabeth City.

Seventeen members answered at roll call with a Bible sentence containing the word "Build."

Mrs. S. M. Winslow read the Bible message and sentence prayers followed.

Mrs. Linwood Winslow conducted the day's lesson from the study book "Mecca and Beyond," using demonstrations to impress her points.

Miss Marjorie White gave an interesting Missionary reading, "Why Foreign Missions?" On behalf of the stewardship department of the Society, Mrs. L. J. Winslow conducted an exercise, the theme of which was "Do You Know What You Possess?" following this was a duet, "Give of Your Best to the Master," by Rev. J. C. Trivette and Mrs. Winslow.

During the social hour the hostess served fruit jelly and cake. Those present were: Mesdames F. C. White, H. P. White, R. B. White, J. M. Copeland, H. E. Copeland, V. C. Lane, and L. J. Winslow, Misses Clara, Margaret and Lucy White, and Olive Layden, and Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Trivette.

SNOW HILL NEWS

Mrs. Mason Sawyer and daughter, Barbara Lee, of Old Neck, have returned home after staying several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cartwright.

Mrs. Louis Proctor and son, of Burgess, visited Mrs. E. S. Lane recently.

Mrs. Vernon Winslow visited Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Winslow, at Beech Spring, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Harrell and family spent Saturday afternoon in Hertford.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell and daughter, Carolyn Dean, spent Friday in Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Jack Sawyer, of Old Neck, visited Mrs. D. M. Cartwright and Mrs. Mason Sawyer Thursday afternoon.

Miss Lucille Cartwright spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Mason Sawyer, at Old Neck.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harrell, Sr., Mrs. Rufus Harrell and daughter, Anne, of Norfolk, Va., visited relatives and friends here during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harrell and Miss Eunice Harrell were in Hertford Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Jordan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Chappell, at Belvidere.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood visited Mr. and Mrs. Pentress Harrell, at White Hat, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. C. Tuttle, of Norfolk, Va., is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cartwright, of the Hertford Highway, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cartwright Sunday evening.

The Ladies Council of Bethlehem Christian Church held its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. J. Ed Lane at her home on Pender Road Friday evening. The president, Mrs. E. Y. Berry, presided. At the conclusion of the business session a social hour was enjoyed during which the hostess served jelly, cakes and apples.

Those present were Mesdames R. A. Perry, Reuben Stallings, Willie Lane, V. L. Proctor, E. Y. Berry,

Stephen Elliott and J. E. Lane. Visitors were E. Y. Berry, J. B. Perry, Willie Lane and J. Ed Lane.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. V. L. Proctor on February 11, at 7 o'clock P. M.

BETHEL W. M. S. MEETS

The Woman's Missionary Society of Bethel Baptist Church met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. L. A. Proctor, near 'Light Nixon Fork. The president, Mrs. M. T. Griffin, led the devotional. Mrs. S. M. Long was in charge of a very interesting program with the following members taking part: Mrs. C. T. Phillips, Mrs. Seth W. Long, Mrs. R. S. Chappell, Mrs. J. C. Hobbs, Mrs. Mary Hayman and Mrs. R. D. Creecy.

During the social hour the hostess served fruits. Those present included Mesdames M. T. Griffin, R. S. Chappell, W. D. Perry, M. M. Dail, R. D. Creecy, A. F. Proctor, O. C. Long, J. C. Hobbs, C. T. Phillips, Seth W. Long, J. P. Chesson, Mary Hayman, S. M. Long, Annie Goodwin, W. P. Long, and L. A. Proctor, and Miss Gertie Chappell.

BELVIDERE ROUTE 1

Mrs. E. L. Chappell continues to remain by the bedside of her aunt, Mrs. Emily Copeland, at Woodland.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Trivette returned home Saturday at the conclusion of a week's visit with relatives in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. James E. Maxwell, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Chicago, Ill., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Winslow and attended services at the Friends Church Sunday morning.

We welcome the family of L. L. Winslow, who have recently moved from Hertford to our village.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyce at their home in Hertford on Tuesday, January 4, a daughter, Patsy Priscilla.

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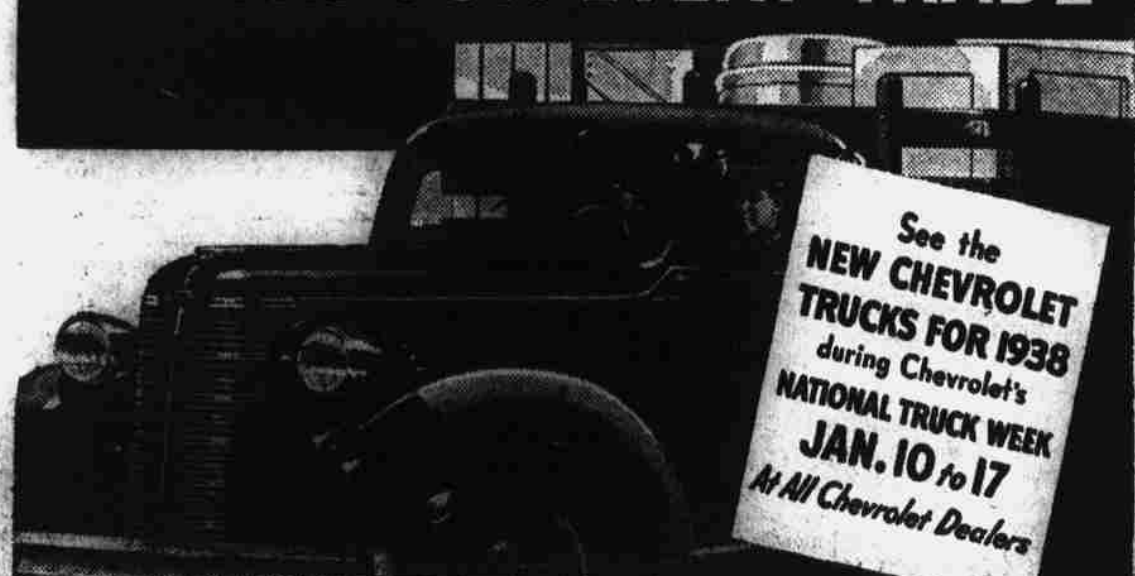
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