

MUCH PROGRESS MADE IN HIGHWAY BUILDING

Road and bridge construction in South Carolina has progressed remarkably since 1917 when the state highway department was created by the legislature and just now the people of the state are more insistent for better roads than at any other time in years.

Miles and miles of roads have been built under the direction of the department and every point in the state can be reached by automobile in a short time over the present road system.

There are now some 84,000 registered motor vehicles being operated over the roads of the state, and it is a surprising fact, according to the records of the highway department, that in spite of the present depressed financial situation, the number of registrations for 1922 has shown an increase over the number for the same period of 1921.

With the idea in mind of answering these questions The State has sought interviews with officials of the state highway department and has secured access to considerable information from which the following progress review and cost data have been drawn:

Beginning of Work. The state highway department was organized in 1917 and began to function about the same time that war with Germany was declared.

At the close of 1919 nearly 100 miles of road had been completed under the supervision of the state highway department, while surveys had been completed for more than 600 miles and contracts had been let for nearly 200 miles.

In 1920 the legislature reorganized the highway department and made provision for the department to maintain all roads constructed on the state system out of the proceeds from the motor vehicle license fees.

In less than two years' time, since state maintenance was first inaugurated, the roads under maintenance have increased from 411 miles to approximately 1,500 miles and 22 of the 46 county seats have completed connections with other county seats.

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completed and under state maintenance, the highway department has participated with federal aid in the construction of approximately one-half, the mileage of federal aid road completed being 85 miles of hard surface and 1,415 miles of other types.

In addition to the federal aid work, the department, in conjunction with county officials, has completed a number of important connections through the use of residue of the automobile license fund not required for maintenance.

Major Bridges Finished. Six major bridges have been completed by the department and a number of others are under construction while still others are to be begun in the near future.

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The Savannah river bridge at Savannah will consist of one 240 foot steel swing span on reinforced concrete piers and 5,428 feet of reinforced concrete beams spans on concrete piles, together with 18,707 feet of hydraulic fill, giving a total for the estimated cost of \$600,000.

The Ashley bridge at Charleston will be 1,900 feet long and will consist of one 110 foot (clear) bascule span, probably of reinforced concrete cantilever on concrete piers or steel girder (cantilever spans with concrete decks) on concrete piers.

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STRIKE SITUATION REMAINS SAME

Washington, June 27.—Indications given at the White House, are that the government will soon be able to make announcement in the coal strike situation and that the step contemplated was a move to bring the leaders of the miners and operators together for a discussion of wage differences.

Washington, June 26 (By the Associated Press).—Administration efforts to bring about a settlement of the bituminous coal strike met a preliminary check today.

After a conference with President Harding and Secretary Davis, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, announced that the union policy was still unaltered and unyielding in its insistence that a new wage scale must be set up for the strike-ridden mining districts by national or semi-national conferences with operators.

The meeting between Mr. Harding, Secretary Davis and Mr. Lewis, which took place at the White House, was the last of a series of conferences into which Secretary Davis took Mr. Lewis today.

Officially no statement was forthcoming, though Secretary Hoover also was called to the White House immediately after Mr. Lewis left.

Mr. Lewis was first invited to Washington last Tuesday and upon his arrival Sunday was taken to Secretary Davis' apartment for a discussion running several hours past midnight to be renewed later today at the labor department.

"We talked over the general problems of the bituminous industry and the strike," Mr. Lewis declared on leaving the White House.

"With relation to the present strike we considered the matter of a joint conference of operators and miners, especially proposals to hold district joint conferences between operators and miners for wage settlements as compared with a joint conference in the central competitive field, or a national conference of all fields through representatives. No definite plans affecting the strike were decided upon. The strike situation is unchanged.

"The country," he added, "will be facing a serious shortage of coal within a few weeks and if the strike continues the railroads will be unable to transport enough to take care of industries and consumers."

There were no indications of what further steps might be taken by the government after the meetings had been concluded.

Greer-Bishop

Miss Lillian Bishop and Mr. C. E. Greer, of this county, were quietly married at the home of Rev. L. L. Wagon, the officiating minister, on Saturday evening, June 24, 1922.

The ceremony was pronounced in the presence of a few of the relatives of the contracting parties, who will be joined by scores of friends in wishing happiness to the new bride and groom as they begin the journey of life together.

Miner Killed this Morning

Bridgeport, Ohio, June 27.—One miner was killed and another wounded this morning when they were fired on from hills while on their way to work at the strip mine of Cathidine company at Uniontown, according to information reaching here today. The victims were in an automobile when the shooting began.

Captain Burnett Dead

Fort Worth, Texas, June 27.—Capt. Burn Burnett, the oil man, rancher and owner of hundreds of thousands of acres of Texas lands, died at his home here today after a year's illness. His land was among the first in Texas to reveal oil.

Wounded Miners Removed to Safety

Herrin, Ill., June 27.—Removal to safety from "Bloody" Williamson county of the wounded non-union men now in the hospital zone is the problem following in the wake of last Thursday's mine massacre.

Bridge Letting Yesterday

The county authorities, on yesterday, received bids for constructing a bridge over Tiger river, the Beaty bridge, and another known as the Padgett's Creek bridge on the Whitnir road. There were six bidders.

BRUCE BIELASKI IS RELEASED

Mexico City, June 27 (By the Associated Press).—Mamuel Barcena, the Mexican lawyer, who was kidnapped, together with C. A. Bruce Bielaski near Cuernavaca Sunday, has been released and news is momentarily expected of Bielaski's release. The latest reports from Cuernavaca said Bielaski is safe and that negotiations with the bandits were under way.

Mexico City, June 26 (By the Associated Press).—Alberto J. Pani, secretary of the foreign affairs, has been officially advised by the American embassy of the kidnapping yesterday of A. Bruce Bielaski, in the state of Morelos, and the promise has been given that all possible measures will be taken to effect his release.

The other person kidnapped was Manuel Barcena, a Mexican attorney. Mr. Bielaski was chief of the bureau of investigation of the United States department of justice during the war. It is generally believed that instead of pursuing the kidnapers to the point of endangering the lives of the captives, Mexican federal troops who are searching for the captives will enter into negotiations looking towards their release by the payment of all or part of the 10,000 pesos ransom demanded.

Shortly after noon today both the American embassy and the consulate told the Associated Press no word has been received concerning Mr. Bielaski and that the facts as published in Mexico City this morning were substantially correct.

The air of mystery which surrounded the kidnaping last night was explained in authoritative sources as an attempt by Mr. Bielaski's friends to have the least possible said about the incident until he was safe.

Apparently there are no facts to support the theory advanced in some quarters that the kidnaping was instituted by Mr. Bielaski's personal enemies.

Notice Elks

There will be a special meeting of Union Lodge No. 1321, on Thursday night, at 8 p. m., in the K. of P. hall. Important matters to be brought up, including the selection of a new Home. We have plans for a new place to be discussed and passed on.

Every member is urged to be present promptly at 8 p. m.

E. M. Garner, Exalted Ruler.

J. E. Jones, Secretary.

Offered College Presidency

Dr. W. J. McGlothlin for the last three years president of Furman University, has been offered the presidency of William Jewell College, of Liberty, Missouri.

Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harris announce the birth of a daughter Sunday, June 25.—Rock Hill Herald.

Interesting Item

The Spartanburg Journal carries the following news item interesting to many Union people: "A special communication of Sts. John lodge, A. F. M., will be held tomorrow night for the purpose of conferring the master's degree upon William Maxwell, superintendent of the Spartanburg division of the Southern railway. President Fairfax Harrison and a number of Southern railway officials will be present for the occasion. Delegations from the South Gate clubs of Columbia, Greenville, Charlotte, and Asheville will be present for the occasion, and the local South Gate club will take part in the exercises, which will begin at 7 o'clock, in order to let Mr. Harrison get off on a night train to Washington. Some of the most proficient Masons in this section will take part in the exercises."

Boll Weevils Plentiful

Reports from various sections of the state are to the effect that the boll weevil is very plentiful, the pest is attacking the okra plants in some counties.

Heat Wave Reaches Maximum in California

San Francisco, June 27.—The inland valleys of California are in the throes of a heat wave. The maximum of 110 was reached at Redding in the Upper Sacramento Valley yesterday.

Mrs. Clark Plexico (Lillian Blanton), who was operated on at the Wallace Tompson hospital, has improved and has returned home to her friend on North Pinekey.

MINE TRAGEDY BRINGS CHARGES

Washington, June 26.—Two sides to the Herrin, Ill., mine killings were presented today in the house during debate in which Representative Goodykoontz of West Virginia and Representative Denison of Illinois, both Republicans, participated.

Mr. Goodykoontz called upon officers of the United Mine Workers of America to assist in prosecution of those responsible for the disorders even though found among the union membership. Otherwise, he said, the "United Mine Workers' organization will never be able to rise from the low level to which its members have caused it to fall."

Mr. Denison, in whose district the disorders occurred, replying to the West Virginia member, set forth in detail the conditions which led to the killings, declaring that the "most unfortunate affair" was due to the employment of non-union men "armed with rifles and machine guns" to mine coal in violation of an agreement entered into with the union miners.

The Illinois representative contended that newspaper reports of the disorders in many cases were "very inaccurate" and said that according to the local papers of Marion, his home, "not one-fifth of the press reports to the metropolitan newspapers were true."

While not excusing the resort to force by the union miners Representative Denison said it was well known that whenever non-union miners were taken into southern Illinois to mine coal there had been a "tragedy."

Representative Goodykoontz asserted that the "coroner's" jury verdict indicated that "the union miners have even control of the processes of the law here." He recited conditions in Logan county, West Virginia, and declared that property there would have been destroyed and the law ignored, as he insisted it had been in Illinois had not the authorities of the county and state taken prompt action.

PERSONAL MENTION

Rev. J. R. Moore is visiting in Union today.

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Jester and children of Greenwood will arrive tomorrow to visit Mr. and Mrs. Davis Jeffries.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Lawson are occupying apartments at the home of Mr. B. B. Going on South Mountain street.

Mrs. R. B. Alverson is attending the summer school at Winthrop College. Fred H. Garner has been quite sick for a week or more, but is much improved today.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Morgan have returned from their honeymoon and are at home to their friends at 125 Main street.

Rev. J. T. Going of Horry county is visiting relatives in Union this week.

Mrs. Edge of Clinton is the guest of Mrs. W. A. Moorehead on Perrin avenue. Mrs. Edge formerly lived in this city and has many friends who will be pleased to see her again.

Mrs. A. R. Frapp is attending the summer school at Winthrop College. Miss Fanny Duncan, who has been in the hospital in Greenville for several months for treatment for her eyes, returned home Sunday. She has hundreds of friends in Union and over the state who rejoice over her improved health.

Miss Mary Oldham, of Roanoke, Alabama, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. F. C. Duncan.

Mrs. H. I. Horton and children spent the week-end with relatives in Columbia and were accompanied home by Thad Horton, who will visit here for awhile.

Mrs. T. S. Adams and children of Herbets are the guests of Mrs. H. B. Jennings on South street. Sidney Howell has returned to his home in Wilson, N. C., after spending a week with his mother, Mrs. J. G. Howell, on West Main street.

Mrs. S. A. Wix and Miss Evelyn Wix have returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Boyd in Gastonia, N. C.

NO FOREIGNERS SLAIN IN CHINA

Shanghai, June 26.—Rear Admiral W. H. G. Bullard, commanding the United States naval patrol on the Yangste river, who arrived tonight on his flagship, U. S. S. Isabel, confirmed reports of the recent uprising in Kiangsi province and the killing of many natives, but declared that no foreigners had been killed nor captured.

Sun's forces, now converging on Canton, are declared to outnumber the troops under Chen Chung-Ming, who deposed Sun. Chinese observers predict severe warfare between the two factions with the odds in favor of the restoration of Sun Yat Sen and the defeat of Chen.

Admiral Bullard said that the disturbances resulting from the mutiny of the troops in Kiangsi perhaps had not been wholly quelled south of Nanchang, in which region cities have been looted and many persons slaughtered, but that elsewhere the Chinese authorities were restoring order. He believed that all danger of damage to the property of foreigners had passed before he left Kiukiang in northern Kiangsi.

The worst phase of the mutiny, said the admiral, continued throughout two days, during which looting and killing became general. He was unable to estimate the number of Chinese slain nor the extent of the damage, but he was certain that the latter would be found to be extensive.

When Admiral Bullard departed from Kiukiang he left the American Sloop Monocacy on duty there and Sautray her commander reported that the city of Nanchang, capital of Kiangsi province, was no longer in danger.

Three generals are in command of 30,000 of Sun's Kiangsi army of 50,000, said to be driving southward. They are Dsu Tsung-Chi, Li Lich-Chun and Huang Ta-Wei.

Reports received from Canton assert that General Huang, with 20,000 troops is holding a line in the southern Kiangsi province below Kanchow, while Generals Li and Dsu are commanding the drive against Chen Chung-Ming. Sun's northern forces are not expected to reach the neighborhood of Canton inside of two weeks.

Compromise Plan for Negotiating Differences

Washington, June 27.—Realizing that the deadlock that is now existing between the mine operators and the union miners will not voluntarily be abated by either party to the coal strike the administration was prepared today and responsible officials intimated that they were to offer a compromise plan for negotiating of differences which it is believed could not be rejected by either faction to the strike.

Forty Americans Held By Rebel General

Washington, June 27.—The lives of 40 American employes of the Cortez Oil company near Tampico and destructible property valued at a quarter of a million of dollars is being held by the rebel general until a ransom of 15,000 pesos is paid, according to a message received today from the American consul at Tampico to the state department. The dispatch stated that the rebel General Gorazave, and his command of 240 well-armed men are holding the property.

Whitmore Defeats Buffalo

The Whitmore team defeated the Buffalo nine last Saturday in a very good game of baseball. Buffalo had a bad inning in the second which probably caused defeat. Both teams played hard and the game seemed to be a draw until the last ball was thrown. Below is the score by innings:

Whitmore . . . . . 031 000 002  
Buffalo . . . . . 002 000 010

Rev. C. A. Kirby Will Accept Gaffney Call

Expressing his appreciation of the evident desire of the members of the Green Street Baptist church to induce him to remain in Spartanburg, Rev. C. A. Kirby, pastor of the church, stated at Sunday's service that he cannot reconsider his decision to accept his recent call to Gaffney. Mr. Kirby asked that he be permitted to assume charge of his Gaffney pastorate about July 15 and members of the Green Street church voted to release their pastor after the second Sunday in July.

A pastor to succeed Mr. Kirby at Green Street Baptist church has not yet been selected. A committee has been appointed to extend a call to a prospective pastor.—Spartanburg Journal.

KILLS NEGRO IN SELF DEFENSE

McCormick, June 26.—Richard Sims, negro, was shot and killed this morning near Parkville by W. T. Wood, a white man. Mr. Wood, according to testimony offered at the coroner's inquest this morning, shot in self-defense, drawing his pistol only after he had been attacked by the negro. Mr. Wood's left arm was broken by a blow from a shotgun, wielded, witnesses say, by the negro Sims.

Mr. Wood came to McCormick after having his arm dressed and this morning surrendered to Sheriff Leroy. The coroner's jury, investigating the killing, brought in a verdict that the negro came to his death by a gunshot wound at the hands of W. T. Wood. The dead negro was considered a desperate character.

The killing grew out of an attempt on the part of Mr. Wood and W. T. Self and W. P. Langford, two other white men, to settle a dispute between the negro Sims and John Lee, another negro, living about one and a half miles from Parkville. The wives of the two negroes quarreled yesterday and Sims, according to the negro Lee, threatened yesterday to kill him and his morning, Lee said, carried a gun to the field with the avowed intention of carrying out the threat.

From information received here the Lee negro lived on the farm of W. T. Self of Parkville and Richard Sims went into the field this morning armed with his shotgun to await the arrival of Lee, whom it was alleged, he swore he would kill on sight. Lee on learning of the presence of Sims in his field went to Parkville and reported the matter to his landlord, W. T. Self. Mr. Self, in company with W. T. Wood and M. P. Langford, went to the field where the negro Sims was waiting and tried to get him to go to the home of Lee to talk the matter over and get their differences settled.

When the three white men reached the field the negro, they say, ordered them not to approach him and drew his gun on them. They assured him that they had not gone there to create a disturbance but to get the differences between him and Lee settled and they succeeded in getting him to put his gun down and talk with them in an effort to reach an adjustment of the differences.

When Sims put his gun down Mr. Langford picked it up and unloaded it. Mr. Wood then took the negro by the arm and started in the direction of the negro Lee's home. As they proceeded down the road Mr. Langford, it was testified, overtook them, carrying the negro's gun in his hand and walking along beside Mr. Wood, and on the off side from Sims. The negro, witnesses said, suddenly reached over, grabbed the gun from the hands of Mr. Langford and began beating Mr. Wood with it. The Sims negro is about 30 years of age and stronger than either Mr. Wood or Mr. Langford, it was testified, and succeeded in striking Mr. Wood several blows with the gun barrel, one of the blows breaking Mr. Wood's left arm just above the wrist.

The negro, witnesses said, continued beating the white man and Mr. Wood drew his pistol and shot the negro to death. Mr. Wood came to McCormick after having his arm dressed and gave himself up to Sheriff Leroy.

Picnic at Cedar Springs

There will be a joint picnic of the Episcopal Sunday school here with the Episcopal Sunday school of Glen Springs Thursday afternoon, 29th, at Cedar Springs. Let us meet early so we can leave at 3 p. m. Meeting at Mr. and Mrs. Burris.

Calls for Cooperation to Prevent Runaway Market

Washington, June 27.—Business organizations affiliated with the chamber of commerce of the United States was called upon today by Julius Barnes, president of the chamber, to lend cooperation in an effort to prevent a runaway of the coal market by setting up machinery for coordinating in distribution among their local and individual customers. Each of the 1400 organizations affiliated are urged to appoint a fuel committee to make an immediate survey of the local coal situation.

Today's Cotton Market

Table with 2 columns: Date and Price. July . . . . . 20.92 21.26, October . . . . . 21.19 21.25, December . . . . . 21.20 21.05, January . . . . . 21.02 20.86, March . . . . . 20.90 20.76, N. Y. Spots . . . . . 21.75, Local market . . . . . 21.50

E. M. Fuller & Co., Suspend

New York, June 27.—The New York Consolidated Stock Exchange today announced the suspension of E. M. Fuller & Co.