

(Thirteenth)

Minutes of Special Meetings of the State Highway
Commission held in Roanoke, Pulaski, Hillsville, Galax, Bristol,
and Pearisburg, Virginia, and Report of Inspection Trip over 1200
miles of The State Highway System, July 5th-14th, inclusive.

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The following members of the State Highway
Commission, H. P. Bush, Secretary, F. W. Davis, and Horace
Hardway, together with Highway Commissioner, G. F. Coleman,
assembled at the Richmond Hotel, Richmond, at one o'clock on
Monday, July 5th, and proceeded in automobile over Route No.1
of the State Highway System to Negro, thence over Route No.9
to Charlottesville, where they were joined by Wade H. Massie,
Chairman of the Commission. From Charlottesville, the Commission
continued over Route No.9 to Stanton, where the night was spent,

On Tuesday morning, July 6th, the Highway Commission
accompanied by the Highway Commissioner, left Stanton and proceeded
in automobile over Route No.3 to Lexington, where they were joined
by James A. Mundy, Jr., after which they proceeded to Natural Bridge,
where they spent the night as the guests of Commissioner Mundy.
During the day the Commission inspected the Buena Vista-Natural
Bridge and the Elliott Hill Routes, and also three proposed routes
between Lexington and North Mountain, known as Route No.14.

On Wednesday morning, July 7th, the entire Com-
mission, accompanied by the Highway Commissioner, left Natural
Bridge and proceeded over Route No.3 to Roanoke, where an informal
conference was held, in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, with

the Mayor and the City Commissioners.

After this conference, the Commission proceeded over Route No. 10 to Radford, and thence to Palaski where the night was spent, and an informal conference held with the citizens of Palaski and a Committee from Carroll County, as well as a delegation from Bland County.

On Thursday morning, July 8th, the State Highway Commission, accompanied by Commissioner Coleman, proceeded in automobiles to Hillsville in Carroll County over Route No. 12. At the Court House at Hillsville the Commission held a conference, hearing from a number of citizens of Carroll County as to the road needs of the County, after which the Highway Commission proceeded over Route 12 to Galax, where they met with a committee of citizens from Grayson County in regard to the location of the State Highway through this County. After this meeting the Commission proceeded to Wytheville, where the night was spent.

At the Court House in Wytheville a large meeting was held to discuss the road needs of Wythe County and the adjoining County of Bland. A delegation of citizens from Grayson County was also present at this meeting.

On Friday morning, July 9th, the Commission, accompanied by Commissioner Coleman, left Wytheville and proceeded over Route No. 10 to Bristol, where they were met by the City officials, and road matters affecting this locality were discussed. The Commission then proceeded over Route No. 10 to Gate City, thence to Natural Tunnel and Fattersonville, where the night was spent as the guests of Mr. E. H. Watson.

On Saturday morning, July 10th, the Commission

left Pattonville and proceeded in automobiles over Powell Mountain, over Route 10 to Pennington Gap, Jonesville, thence to Cumberland Gap, and, returning to Pennington Gap, proceeded over Route No. 11 to Big Stone Gap, where the night was spent.

On Sunday morning, July 11th, the Commission left Big Stone Gap and proceeded over Route No. 11 to St. Paul, Lebanon, Tazewell, thence to Bluefield, West Virginia, where the night was spent.

On Monday morning, July 12th, the Commission left Bluefield, accompanied by Commissioner Calson and several officials and citizens of Giles County, and proceeded by way of Princeton, across Mercer County in West Virginia, to Farrisburg, Giles County, Virginia, over Route No. 23, where a considerable number of citizens had congregated to meet the Commission and to discuss the road needs of Giles County with the State representatives.

From Farrisburg the Commission continued over Route No. 23 to Blacksburg, where they were entertained by Dr. Julian H. Barrus, President, and associated officials of V. P. I.

From Blacksburg the Commission proceeded to Christiansburg and thence over Route No. 10 to Roanoke, where the night was spent.

On July 13th, Tuesday, the Highway Commission met in regular session at the Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, and proceeded with the transaction of official business.

The minutes of the meetings of June 14, 15, and 16th were read and approved, and on motion of Mr. Hardaway the Chairman was authorized to sign the same as correct.

The petition for a rehearing in the Amelia County

case, concerning the location of Route No. 20 between Amelia C.H. and Jetersville, filed by Mr. T. Gray Haddon, Attorney, Richmond, Va., was, on motion of Mr. Davis, rejected, and the Secretary instructed to notify Mr. Haddon that the matter, so far as the Commission was concerned, was disposed of finally.

On motion of Mr. Davis the Highway Commissioner was requested to prepare an estimate of the cost of reconstructing and resurfacing the road from Cambria to Blacksburg and to Blusser's Mine, and report the cost of this work to the Highway Commission at an early date. Also to report any proposed arrangements he might make for doing this work, the Commission being of the opinion that this work should be done at an early date.

Whereas the State Highway Commission did on the 25th day of May, approve and promulgate certain Rules and Regulations concerning the regulation of traffic on State Highways, and

Whereas, after going over some twelve hundred miles of State Highways and seeing the effect of unrestricted traffic upon the State Roads, the Highway Commission is of the opinion that the traffic regulations heretofore adopted are insufficient for the proper protection of the State Highways, and should be amended by reducing the maximum load per inch in width of tire from 700 to 500 lbs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 2 is amended to read as follows:

It is forbidden to drive, propel or operate, or to cause to be driven, propelled or operated, over any State Highway, any vehicle, implement or contrivance, whose gross load on any one wheel shall exceed five hundred (500) pounds for each inch of width of tire on same, when provided with solid tires, from the first day of May to the first day of December, and four hundred (400) pounds

for each inch of width of tire, when provided with solid tires from December first to May first, and seven hundred (700) pounds for each inch in width of tire, when provided with pneumatic rubber tires, from January first to December thirty-first. Should it, however, be deemed advisable to increase the load per inch in width of tire over certain sections of The State Highway System a permit to increase the loading shall be first obtained, as hereinafter provided, but in no case shall the gross load on any one wheel exceed seven hundred (700) pounds per inch in width of tire; provided further that the width of solid tires shall be considered as that portion coming in contact with an unyielding surface and the width of pneumatic tires shall be considered as the total thickness measured from outside to outside of casing at the widest point between tread and rim when fully inflated with air; and provided further that no vehicle, implement, or contrivance whose gross load shall exceed twelve (12) tons shall be moved or operated over any State Highway, unless a permit to do so shall first be obtained, as hereinafter provided.

After a general discussion of State Highway matters the Commission adjourned and the various members of the Commission proceeded to their respective homes by the most direct route. The majority of the Commission, Messrs. H. P. Back, Horace Hardaway, and F. W. Davis, accompanied by Commissioner Coleman, proceeded in automobile over Route 10 to Radford City, thence to Fasnville and from Fasnville over Route 13 to Richmond, where the Commission finally disbanded after a most extensive inspection of the State Highways.

CHAIRMAN.

SECRETARY.