

TAR HEEL SCRAP BOOK BY A Rotating Tar Heel

Time out for a word with O. L. The letters O. T. after all may not stand for Old Timer—with the attend and implication of a mellow genial kindly spirit—On Toss might be a better interpretation. Anyway the factual and informative columns signed O. T. are well worth reading—and O. T. has a gift for inuendo. "But here's betting that Lee County's Rotating Tar Heel has never heard," etc. are his words.

Sorry—too bad, Can't take that bet. You see, I am a Baptist, and I missed the best chance I ever expect to have for being last winter, in fact turned it down flat.

You see it was this way: Last winter I made my first trip to the dog races. Entered the big stadium with the vast throng of society folk and just plain folks, and got my first close up of the beautiful and highly trained greyhounds as they indulged in a brilliant, though stupid, chase after the mythical (metallic) rabbit—said bunny being motivated by electricity and therefore just as certain of winning over the magnificent canines as the Power Interests are now certain of winning over the People.

Well, I picked my dog, immediately, a brilliant dark red one, a female, a winner, who chafed at her leash and whose every movement declared grace, power and a never-say-die spirit. Sir James Barr's says Celts are gifted with a sixth sense. I believe him. I have also heard of beginner's luck, so there seems no practical reason why I did not yield to the inclination and put up the two dollar bet, but being a real Baptist and full of anti-betting inhibitions, I refused—but wrote my choice down on a slip of paper and handed it to an acquaintance, who always bets. The acquaintance grandly ignored it and chose what I regarded as a very handsome but somewhat depressed black can named Buck.

My own choice bore the cognomen to be braved by the masses. To make Red Lily, a monicker too sentimental a long story shorter let's bounce to the end—for that's certainly what Red Lily did. She came out first and to make the affair even more chilling for my friend Brag did not win any where on show, place or aught else.

Furthermore, according to, and by virtue of some intricate system little understood by ye humble scribe, Red Lily won a triple award for the few who chose her. On a two dollar bet the winnings in that case were \$156.00. So I left almost in a huff at my ancestors who had endowed me with all those anti-racing inhibitions—because you see John McCormick was in town with his golden voice and Paderewski was coming—and I would so like to have won that one hundred and fifty-six dollars easy money and have felt free to attend their expensive concerts in that year of the deep, dark depression—1932.

Did we rotate thus far from the original subject of Louis Graves and the "immortal singer, William Hooper?" Well, it's our guess he must have told someone—for few would have time nowadays to look it up—and I, for one, would not be the least bit annoyed if he did openly claim kinship. For while I am unable to trace any blood kin with the Chinese, and confess to have read very little of Confucius, still I believe a little ancestor worship now and then is indulged in by the best of men.

So well as I remember Mr. Graves was principal or superintendent of the high school when I was in Chapel Hill. I was not personally acquainted with him but the young lady, Miss Mildred Moses, who later married him, was an acquaintance of mine, and was a close friend to the girl I considered my best pal—the one with whom I discussed all lectures, especially those of Dr. Horade Williams—ill far into the night over coffee and French toast in our housekeeping apartment.

Miss Moses was a sister of the wife of President Edward Kidder Graham, she resided at the "President's Mansion" and that beloved, saintly president was often referred to by the adoring student body as the one student who really had gotten "inside" Horace Williams courses.

Albert Coates was a youthful student at the time and the admiring student body often pointed to him as a future President of the University. Coates was affable and sincere and was well known and liked by the entire student body. However years prove he has carved for himself an original niche in the old U. and in the state, for as director of the Institute of Government he seems to have

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SANFORD'S HONOR ROLL

Below are listed those who have signed the NRA agreement up until 11:00 o'clock, August 3rd. The names are listed in the order in which they signed the agreement:

Anderson Auto Service, Sapona M. H. Inc., Thomas Drug Store, Baldwin's, Mack's 5, 10 & 25c Stores, Safford Store, Mack's 5, 10 & 25c Store, Isaacson's, Luterloh Drug Store, Carter Furniture Co., Sanford Floral Shop, S. Ray Byerly, L. B. Davenport, Sanford Enterprise, Sauls Dry Cleaners, Street A. Love.

Sanford Service Station, Miss Margaret Oliver, Miss Beatrice Campbell, Central Carolina Furniture Co., Crabtree Drug Co., Progressive Market, Progressive Stores (Nos. 1, 15 and 4), King Roofing & Manufacturing Co., Lee Drug Store, Efrid's Dept. Store, Lee Furniture Co., The Goodly Shop, Sanitary Cleaners and Tailors.

Harris-Makepeace Hardware Co., J. C. Pittman, Stroud-Hubbard Co., Sanford Cotton Mills, D. B. Teague, W. Lazarus, Temple Theatre, H. M. Wagner, Sanford Distributing Co., G. H. Boger, Sanford Meat Market, He-n Telephone Co., Dalrymple, Marks & Brooks, Inc., Acme Drug Store, Mrs. Mattie McIntosh Chears, Oliver's.

LOCAL MERCHANTS SWIFT IN RALLYING TO NRA PLAN

RECOVERY CODE IS TAKING EFFECT HERE RAPIDLY

Local Citizens Show Spirit of Cooperation in Joining National Recovery Plan.

BUYING POWER INCREASED

Sanford manufacturers, merchants, business men and operators of all types of business are signing or have indicated that they will sign the National Recovery Administration's agreement or "blueprint code," sponsored by President Roosevelt in an effort to increase, immediately, the purchasing power of the people.

The agreements were distributed in Sanford by Postmaster Ralph Kennedy Friday and since that time every employer has been studying the agreement, analyzing it, speculating on the effect which it will have on his business. That it will have a marked effect no one will deny.

There is in evidence a marked willingness to support the President in his bold move for restoration of the Nation's purchasing power. But there is also evidence that living up to the NRA agreement will be a difficult thing for many a business man to do, unless prosperity does return, and that almost at once, in order that the increased expenses incurred under the agreement may be cared for out of increased business.

Probably the most important group in Sanford which has signed the agreement is the merchants and manufacturers, affecting a large number of employees. In order to put the thing over these business people and manufacturers have agreed as to working hours to open at 9 a. m. and close at 5 p. m. and the grocery stores to open at 8 p. m., take two hours at noon, opening again at 2 p. m., closing at 6, except on Saturday when they will open at 8 and close at 12, open again at 1 closing at 9. On Saturday the dry goods stores will open at 9 a. m. and close at 9 p. m. People who trade at Sanford should get these hours fixed in their minds so that they will not make a mistake and go shopping at the wrong time.

Other businesses which have signed in addition to the merchants include the shoe shops, theatres, bottling companies, automobile dealers, cafes, department stores and specialty stores, the latter including furniture, jewelers, men's furnishings, ready-to-wear and other small mercantile concerns.

COTTON MILL IN OPERATION WITH BIG FORCE ON TUESDAY; PAYROLL LARGER

On Tuesday, August 1st, the Sanford Cotton Mills started operating with two shifts of hands each shift working eight hours per day. The mill starts at 6 o'clock A. M., and runs continuously until 10 P. M., the shifts changing at 2 P. M. The mill will not operate on Saturdays as the Monday to Friday operation will give the full 80 hours per week allowed by the Textile Code. This new method of operation adds over 100 people to the payroll and the textile wage scale increases the payroll approximately \$3,000.00 per week. Formerly the payroll was \$1,100.00 per week.

The continuance of operation with

B. & L. PREPARED TO MATURE SERIES

Secretary Brinn Announces B. & L. To Mature 20th. Stock Series First Month.

At the regular monthly meeting for July the directors of the Sanford Building and Loan Association, the semi-annual financial statement as of June 30th was submitted to the board by Secretary J. E. Brinn. His statement showed that the shares in the 20th series, if no payments were in arrears, would pay in \$88.75 by July 31st. This sum paid weekly or monthly over a period of 365 weeks had earned a little better than 18.25 interest on the balance of each share in this

declared this (the 20th) series matured as of August 1st. If all payments had been made and redeemable on or before September 1st either as a credit on mortgage or in cash as the case may be. The shareholder entitled to cash can reinvest money with the association by purchasing full paid shares which bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum payable semi-annually and non-taxable. Of the 127 shares maturing under conditions stated above, some of them are held by home owners who will be able to rejoice because the old mortgage on the home will be paid off in full. One church group will be able to hold a dedication day since the church building will be paid for, and by the way, a good portion of the payments on the assistance of a regular pastor. Such joys and efforts are highly commendable. A few of the maturing shares are held by a woman of the colored race, who has spent years cooking for her "white folks." Other shares are owned by lady clerks in department stores, post office employees, housewives and business men.

Secretary Brinn advises us that a new series will be open to the public during the month of September and that he believes people of every walk of life are going to invest a little of the new deal money with the community's only financial institution, which has successfully weathered the depression storm during the past years without missing or reducing a single dividend payment or maturing series on time. Land is the basis of all wealth and first mortgages on real estate at the proper margin was the prime investment of our grandparents and their grandparents and will continue to be prime investments for future generations if mortgages are made on the weekly or monthly amortization plan.

Dies At Post of Duty



JOHN T. MCKERNAN

BELOVED POLICE CHIEF SUCCEUMBS TO HEART ATTACK

John T. McKernan Passes Away At Home On Saturday At Age of Sixty-Two

SERVED CITY MANY YEARS

Huge Throng Attends Funeral On Monday Morning; Many Out of Town Officials

While fire was raging in the 3-W warehouse last Saturday afternoon the shocking news spread over the town to the effect that Chief of Police John T. McKernan was dead. The announcement of his death was a surprise to everyone on the streets as he was seen near the fire when the warehouse first caught. For the past few years Chief McKernan had been in the heart trouble and had been in an attack was threatening to take his car and went to his home in the high school. He passed away at his home on Saturday morning at 10:30.

O'Brian resigned the room he found him sitting on the bed. Before any thing could be done to relieve him he fell over on the bed and expired. He had from time to time suffered with these attacks, but not so severe as this one. He had always made it a rule to respond to the call of fire and direct the work of the firemen, and although he was recently relieved of this work on account of the condition of his health, he still felt a deep interest in the work and, was always ready to do all he could for the protection of the town against fire.

One of the largest gatherings of people to attend a funeral in Sanford assembled at the Presbyterian church Monday morning at 10:30 to pay him a last tribute of respect. Many were turned away for lack of room in the church. The services were in charge of the pastor, Rev. Alien M. Frew; assisted by Rev. M. D. McNeill, of Cameron, a former pastor, and close friend of the family, and Rev. Frank C. Hawkins, pastor of the First Baptist church. The services were very impressive including a beautifully rendered program of music. The first song rendered was by both the choir and congregation, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" Mrs. W. H. White very feelingly sang in her own impressive way, "God Will Take Care of You." This was followed by a solo by Francis Bennett, Chief of Police, of Durham, entitled, "Some Day We'll Understand." The last song rendered was "Work for the Night Is Coming." The following tribute and poems were by Mr. Frew:

Chief J. T. McKernan was born on July 20, 1871, and called to his Father's Kingdom at the twilight hour of July 29, 1933. He lived a noble life was a loving husband, a devoted father a faithful Deacon in the Presbyterian Church.

Auditors' Report

The record of fees paid to attorneys and auditors for the liquidation of 150 State banks that have failed since 1927 was made public in Raleigh this week by State Banking Commissioner Garney P. Hood. The report of the following defunct banks, in this section will be of interest to many of our readers:

Peoples Bank of Sanford; auditors, \$166.57; attorneys, none; collections, \$3,393.53; ratios, auditors, \$6,458.71; attorneys, \$450.83; collections, \$105,218.79. Ratios, auditors, \$942.17; attorneys, \$250; collections, \$22,533.38; ratios, auditors, \$396 and attorneys, \$11.

WAREHOUSE DESTROYED

LITIGATION AGAINST GUARANTY CAUSES TALK OF LOCAL BANK

UNCERTAINTY OF GUARANTY BANK FORCES ACTION

Business Men of City Seeking Source of Bank; Fear That Guaranty Will Fail

PROPOSE LOCAL HOUSE

Last Thursday night the board of directors of the Sanford Business Association met at the home of Dr. F. W. McCracken to elect a president and transact other business connected with the organization. The board by a unanimous vote elected T. S. Cross, president. E. M. Underwood, Jr., was elected secretary at the meeting of the association at the Wilrik Hotel the week before. The board read a report by Dr. J. F. Foster, who had been chair man of a membership committee, appointed at the meeting in which the organization was effected. His report showed the names of 105 paid new members. The members of the board discussed the question of organizing a bank in Sanford. Before adjournment it was decided to hold a meeting at the Wilrik Hotel Monday night to further discuss the question.

This meeting was held as scheduled and was attended by a representative body of citizens of the town. The question of organizing a bank by raising stock among the citizens of the town was discussed at length. President Cross got an expression from every man present as to how they felt about inaugurating a movement to build a bank with funds subscribed in the town. The sentiment in favor of a locally owned bank seemed to predominate. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p. m.

A banker from another town who was present made a talk in favor of organizing a bank with local capital. He stated that he would be glad to come to Sanford, make his home here and take stock in the bank. He expressed the opinion that a locally owned bank would appeal to the people more and stated that unless the bank had the confidence of the people of the town it would be hard to make a success of it.

After the meeting had adjourned a meeting of the merchants and other business men was called for the purpose of making plans for putting on the code by the business people and manufacturers of the town. A. K. Miller, who presided over the meeting, read a letter from Gen. Johnson, in Washington, giving instructions as to how the code should be put on. The publicity committee was asked to issue posters advertising the mass meeting which will be held tonight. Everybody is invited to attend this meeting and do everything possible to encourage the movement for a new bank. The plan is to get this bank organized and ready for business before the cotton and tobacco markets open the first of the fall.

Rotary Meeting

The Rotarians met Tuesday evening with the Jonesboro Grange. The meeting was at 6:30 at Worthy's Pond and a bountiful and delicious supper was served by the ladies of the Grange. A number of the Grangers and their wives were present. Rev. Allen Frew and his brother, Robert Frew, of Greensboro, were present as visitors. Short speeches by Rev. Mr. Frew and by Pres. Dent White, who expressed the pleasure of the Rotarians for the supper and the opportunity to meet with their nearby friends. Mr. E. O. McMahan made a short speech. Mr. J. E. Adams, master of the Grange, welcomed the Rotarians and invited them back again.

Myron Underwood invited the crowd to come to the bank meeting at Sanford Thursday night and bring their friends. The Rotarians counted it a pleasant gathering and hope to meet a number of their neighbors in the near future in other sections of Lee county.

What About You?

The Express is informed that there are a few business concerns in Sanford that have failed to sign up and do their part to make the NRA a success. No doubt they will soon find that they made a mistake in not agreeing to cooperate in making this great movement for curing the depression a success. Are they showing the patriotic spirit in pursuing this course? No one can imagine that they would appreciate being called slackers. The slacker is the man who refuses to bear his part of the burden in times of peace or in war. He believes in letting his neighbor bear the heat and burden of the day and make life easy for him. It is not a very pleasant thing to think of being boycotted.

CLUBS HONORS BEAUTY QUEEN

Kiwanians Have "Miss North Carolina" As Guest On Friday Night

The Kiwanis Club held its regular weekly meeting at the Carolina Hotel last Friday night. After the transaction of unfinished and new business President Jack Foster turned the program of the evening over to Dr. Waylon Blue, chairman of the program committee. Much amusement was furnished the club by Will Parkey, Jr., impersonating the negro character, D. B. Teague made a talk at the New Deal, which is now in effect in Sanford.

Miss Leola Councilman, who was made "Miss North Carolina" in the contest, was the guest of honor.

North Carolina, was made "Miss North Carolina" in Chatham county, but it was in the gracious atmosphere of Sanford that her beauty blossomed into full maturity. He said the sleepy citizenry of Sanford little realized that in their midst was a gem of superlative beauty. He quoted Gray's Elegy: "Full many a gem of purest ray serene The dark, unfathomed caves of ocean bear; Full many a flower is born to blush unseen, And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

He pointed out that a chance contest for feminine perfection, and the discerning eyes of local judges, awoke us from our lethargy, and that now Sanford was receiving more publicity through Miss Councilman than from any event since the mine explosion.

"At Wrightsville Beach," said Mr. Melver, "amid the cheers of thousands, she was adjudged the most perfect woman in North Carolina. I congratulate the judges." He started to go into detail about her perfection, but a pretty blush on the face of his subject caused him to compromise by saying, "Well—she measured up."

Mr. Melver stated that, without wanting to appear mercenary, the city should do its utmost to capitalize on the splendid opportunity for publicity which Miss Councilman's charm had given it. In a neat finish, he quoted Wordsworth's "A perfect woman, nobly planned," and said, "She is the toast of Sanford and Lee county; she is the toast of North Carolina; and, unless my young eyes deceive me, she is soon to be the toast of America."

Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Hunter and three young men from Wallace are leaving Friday for Chicago to attend the Century of Progress.

MYSTERIOUS WRECK GOES UNSOLVED; MORE PRISONERS SENT TO LEE ROADS

It was reported to Sheriff Ernest White last Sunday morning that a large Chrysler car had been wrecked near the home of Mr. Frank Knight on the Sanford, Durham road near the Deep River bridge and that it was believed to be a stolen car. He went to the scene of the wreck to investigate the matter. He found with the car both Georgia and Illinois tags. In the car he also found a rifle, wrecking bar, canned peaches, eggs and other things to eat. Two men had left the car and came to Sanford. They left here before Sheriff White could get in touch with them. He brought the car to Sanford and is now holding it for further developments.

SPECTACULAR FIRE DESTROYS OLDEST LOCAL WEED FLOOR

Firemen Display Skill in Protecting Nearby Property As Big Warehouse Burns COMPLETELY DESTROYED

One of the most spectacular fires ever witnessed in Sanford was the one that destroyed the 3-W tobacco warehouse late Saturday afternoon. The dense smoke from that fire was seen many miles away. When the fire alarm sounded a representative of this paper was in the neighborhood of the building and saw the fire when it was not much bigger than a man's hand. Had the firemen been on the spot at that time they could have extinguished the flames with a few chemicals. Although the firemen reached the building in a remarkably short time the fire had gained such headway before they could get the water going that it was impossible to save the building.

A high wind fanned the fire and soon the building was a seething mass of flames from end to end. After reaching the fire the heat was so intense that the firemen had to move away. The fire spread so rapidly that they were in danger of being burned to death. A line of hose which was placed parallel to the building on the upper side became wrapped around a post and was destroyed by fire before it could be removed. The heat cracked the plate glass in the building formerly occupied by the Chevrolet company on the opposite side of the street. The firemen had to turn their attention to the work of saving other property on Wicker and Steele streets. The dwelling of Mr. T. R. Moffitt and the one occupied by Mr. T. A. Riddle, on Steele Street next to the Methodist church, were in danger and the firemen had to keep water playing on them to keep them from being destroyed. The roof of the Riddle home caught fire several times, but the firemen

street side of the building was in several times. It had to be moved to keep the contents in the offices above the post office from catching fire. The effective work of the firemen no doubt saved much property from destruction. They were fresh from Salisbury where they captured \$212.50 in prize money, capturing first prize in the chemical contest and tying the Lincolnton company in the water contest, divided the spoils with them. The furniture in some of the buildings had to be moved to a place of safety. In a few minutes after the fire started it looked as if almost the entire population of the town turned out to witness it. All streets leading to the fire were crowded with people, many gathering in from the surrounding country. Although the main part of the building was soon reduced to smouldering ruins, the firemen had to keep water playing on the ruins till about 10 o'clock to prevent the fire springing up anew and spreading to other property. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Mr. W. F. Wood, tobacco warehouseman who had the building leased for a term of years, lost a lot of tobacco baskets in the fire. However, some of his baskets and tobacco trucks

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GREGSON APPOINTED

At the regular meeting of the board of aldermen at the City Hall Tuesday night J. F. Gregson was put in charge of the work performed by the late John McKernan, except that of chief of Police. He will have charge of the water, fire and sewer systems. It was decided to defer the election of a chief of Police.