

THE DUNN DISPATCH

CROCKETT WANTS POSTOFFICE JOB IF LEE IS OUSTED

Asks For Support If Republican Is To Be Appointed
WANTS "GENE" TO REMAIN HOLDER
Assures Citizens He Will Give Position Highest Degree Of Efficiency Possible in Event He is Chosen And Will Be Grateful For Help.

In the event President Harding decides to appoint a Republican postmaster at Dunn, J. E. Crockett, traveling salesman, one of Dunn's most popular Republicans will be a candidate for the office. This was announced yesterday in a public letter issued by Mr. Crockett.

However, Mr. Crockett is careful to state that he does not want to see Postmaster Eugene T. Lee retired. Only if Mr. Lee is eliminated will he allow himself to be considered a candidate. His letter reads:

"It is possible that when Mr. Harding is inducted into office as president of the United States he will revoke the order under which the postmaster at Dunn is chosen through a civil service examination. Such revocation will necessitate the retirement of our very efficient Postmaster Eugene T. Lee and the appointment of a Republican. And in that event I will be a candidate for the position.

"I will state frankly that I am not a candidate against Gene Lee. He is my friend and I would like to see him hold the office as long as he can. Only if I feel toward him that a change will allow myself to be considered an applicant.

"If I thought that I was not qualified for the position I would not impose upon the people of Dunn. If there is one who is differently, I will not have any ill feeling toward him if he is chosen to oppose me.

"But if you do think I am qualified—always remembering that I do not want the job if Gene Lee can be kept in it—I want your support. I can conscientiously support me, and I am very grateful indeed; and if I am chosen you may be sure I will do my best."

NEGROES ATTEMPT A DARING HOLD UP

James Phillips, Standard Oil Driver Is Believed To Have Wounded One

In a running fight with highway-men last night James Phillips, driver of a standard oil truck, was the victor, escaping without injury after, it is believed, he had shot one of the highwaymen through the arm.

Phillips was attacked near Mingo Dam from a trip to country stores in western Sampson County about 7 o'clock. When he neared the dam someone fired a shot through the windshield of his car. Another man jumped to his running board. Phillips fired two shots at him and he fell to the ground. Several other shots were fired at Phillips as he sped forward, but none struck him.

Two negroes in a delapidated Ford car were on the dam a few minutes before the truck arrived, according to information gained by Chief of Police Fred, who went with Patrolman Nipper and Deputy Sheriff Jernigan to the scene of the battle as soon as Phillips reported the matter here. No trace of the supposedly wounded man or his companion was found by the policeman, however, except the tracks of the Ford, which were traced through devious paths back to a negro settlement at the edge of town.

Phillips usually carries a large sum of money when he returns from trips through the country. This is generally known and is believed to have tempted the negroes to hold him up.

Malignant Wampus Again On War Path

Seen In Swamp Country Surrounding Dunn And Frightens Autoists

The Malignant Wampus of Mingo is again on the job. Autoists whose paths lead through the swamp country surrounding Dunn profess to have seen this worm that dieth not—the copper colored monster with eyes of fire and a tongue of flames. Some have resorted into town, intoxicating with whisky. Others have fallen by the wayside and slumbered through a night and a day.

In the good old pre-prohibition days when it was lawful to distill the joyous spirits in these self same swamps, the Wampus was often seen. But for ten years or more he has not been heard from.

It is said that he fed upon the mash that seethed in the mashine before it was distilled. Now nobody admits that he has any such food.

HARDING THINKS TIMES IMPROVING

Governor of Federal Reserve Board Speaks to Winston Salem Business Men

Winston-Salem, Jan. 21.—Gov. W. P. Harding, of the Federal Reserve Board, in his address at a luncheon in his honor at the Zinsendorf Hotel at noon today by the Chamber of Commerce and a brief talk at a dinner given this evening by Col. F. H. Fries at the Twin-City Club, made a most impressive Colonel Fries, president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, declared that the message of Governor Harding brought to the businessmen of this community was both instructive and convincing.

Governor Harding spoke optimistically as to the future, declaring that the developments of the past thirty days must convince those who have doubted heretofore that all danger of a great financial panic or business generally is safely over and that the most critical and trying stage of the readjustment period.

"Heretofore," he said, following periods of artificial expansion the reactions that have come have usually been sharp and sudden, accompanied by money panics. Nothing of the sort has occurred in the present readjustment period. While many predictions were made that an old-fashioned panic was inevitable, I never once doubted the ability of the Federal Reserve System to prevent any such condition.

POULTRY RAISERS WILL VISIT DUNN TO SEE PROPERTY

California Raisers In Search Of Locations To Grow

WANT SMALL TRACTS WITH GOOD

Interested in Clinton and Moore Counties, North Carolina, California Raisers are in search of property in those counties. The California Raisers are looking for small tracts of land with good soil and water for growing raisins.

NEGRO IN CLINTON HELD FOR MURDER

Sampson County Sheriff Believes Will Be Charged With Murder

Will Hopkins, believed to be the murderer of Lewis Ramsey, is in jail in Clinton. He was arrested in Goldsboro Saturday night and brought here this afternoon given preliminary trial before Mayor Grady, and lodged in jail without privilege of bonds to await the action of the grand jury. There is no excitement. A considerable crowd heard the evidence and all are virtually satisfied that Hopkins is the right man, but not one word of taking the law into a mob's hands has been heard yet nor any disposition to do so otherwise manifested.

BUTLER'S CHANCE FOR CABINET SLIM

New York Republican Paper Correspondent Believes It Unlikely Will Be Represented

Wilmington, Jan. 24.—North Carolina not only stands but little chance of seeing one of its Republicans in the Harding Cabinet, but it would surprise practically all newspaper correspondents of note for the South to be represented, according to a statement this afternoon by Boyden S. Speake, special correspondent of the Republican New York Tribune, who has been detailed with the President-elect's Harding was nominated in Clinton.

TROT OUT YOURS; CANDIDATES ARE WANTED FOR JOBS

Page Again To Be Issue In The Election Of Town Officials
SOME LIKE HIM; OTHERS DO NOT

Dunn is warming up for its annual local election through which the mayor and five members of the Board of Commissioners are to be chosen. Of course the usual primary will be held to determine when Democracy will put up to oppose the formidable ticket that the Republicans, still a minority by a good margin, expect to place in the field.

Six Members Of One Family Are Cremated

Fire Followed Explosion Of Coal Stove In Home Of James Adkins

Washington Courthouse, Ohio, Jan. 22.—Six members of the family of James Adkins, living 14 miles north of here, were burned to death early this morning when fire destroyed their home. Adkins was fatally burned.

Mr. Harding Goes Into Two Weeks' Seclusion

President-Elect and Party Leave St. Augustine on Weekend Trip

St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 23.—The household Victoria, containing President-elect Harding and party of friends, left here late this afternoon for a leisurely fishing cruise down the east coast of Florida and at dusk tied up for the night near Summerhaven, 20 miles to the south.

Five Men Wounded in Race Riot At Norlina

Rioting Followed Bad Feeling Between Negroes and Whites For About a Week

Raleigh, Jan. 23.—Three white men and two negroes are reported to have been wounded, several of them believed fatally injured, in a race riot at Norlina, in Warren county, 15 miles northwest of Henderson. The wounded men are reported to have been taken to Henderson hospital.

Weak Link In The Chain Somewhere Hoover Says

Former Food Administrator Says United States Ought To Be Cheerful Country

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 17.—A weak link exists somewhere in the economic social or political system of the world as a whole when American warehouses are bursting with food and other essentials, while starvation threatens millions a short distance away; Herbert Hoover, national chairman of the European relief council, declared here today at a \$100,000 luncheon for the benefit of 3,500,000 starving children in Europe. The menu consisted of black bread, stewed rice and cocoa.

SEEK PARDON FOR BRYANT A. NORRIS

Harnett County Man Manifests Desire to Return to Ministry in North Carolina

Richmond, Va., Jan. 22.—A movement is on foot, it was learned today, to get a pardon for Bryant Allen Norris, former Primitive Baptist preacher of Harnett county, North Carolina, sentenced here this week to a term of five years in the penitentiary for the theft of an automobile.

SLUMPS PAST YEAR

Total Shows Decrease of Over Thirty-two Thousand Bales

Report of cotton ginned in the years 1919 and 1920, just issued by Samuel L. Rogers, director of the census, shows that from June 30 up to and including December 31 in 1920, total ginning amounted to 787,165 for the same period of 1919, a decrease of 22,794 bales.

Chicken Thieves Make Haul in Holmes Town

Falcon Barn Yards Visited by Youngsters Who Buy Cigarettes With Swag

Chicken thieves have entered the sacred precincts of Falcon, the peaceful little village seven miles from Dunn wherein dwell leaders of the Holiness church and which harbors so many of the faithful of that strenuously Christian faith. And worst of all some of the faithful are involved.

South Carolina Man To Speak To Farmers

Secretary of State W. Banks Dove To Come To Dunn Friday

W. Banks Dove, secretary of state of South Carolina, will address meeting of farmers and business men here at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon in the interest of the American Products Export and Import Corporation which was formed by Southern bankers and farmers to relieve the cotton situation.

Erwin Cotton Mills Start On Full Time

One Thousand Operatives Given Opportunity To Earn More Pay

Erwin Cotton Mills at Duke this week will begin operations on full time after having worked on a four-day a week schedule since last November. This announcement was made following a heart to heart talk by William A. Erwin to the 1,000 operatives of the mills.

Mrs. D. H. McLean Dies At Lillington Home

She Had Been Seriously Ill For A Week, Having Been Stricken With Paralysis

Lillington, Jan. 24.—Mrs. D. H. McLean died here this morning at 7:25 o'clock. Mrs. McLean had been ill for about a week, having been stricken with paralysis on the night of the 17th. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock tomorrow at the Presbyterian church of which she was a consistent member. The burial will take place in the cemetery at Summerville.

Rev. Kewpie McLean Does Time For Crime

Drayman - Preacher Caught Under Bad in North Carolina

Grief has at last come to the Reverend Kewpie McLean, self-styled doctor of divinity, a gentleman of color who has long evaded the long hand of the law in the period of the town of Dunn. Kewpie is now serving a term of six months in jail in Petersburg for a crime committed in an automobile full of liquor down from Wilmington.

Dr. D. W. Daniels To Be Invited Here

Chamber of Commerce Directors Hold First Meeting And Elect Officers

Dr. D. W. Daniels, professor of English in Clemson College and one of the ablest speakers of the South, has been invited to address a meeting of Dunn District folk on the evening of March 14. The invitation was extended last night when the newly elected members of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors held their initial meeting and elected Ellis Goldstein, president; Med. Holliday, vice-president; and C. L. Wilson, secretary.

Cooper Resigns As Whiteville Bank Head

Desires To Devote More Time to Duties of President of First National

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WHEN FOLKS PAY ME I'LL PAY YOU THEM

The following letter is prompting much merriment on the part of everyone that has happened to see a copy of it in the last few days. It was sent to a fertilizer company by one of its customers and was printed in the News and Observer. Its advice and word of warning come in very good at the present time.

"Dear Sir:

"I received your letter about what I owe you. Now be patient, I ain't forgot you, and soon as folks pay me I'll pay you, but if this is judgment day and you are more prepared to meet your God than I am to meet your account, then you see going to hell.

"Good-bye."

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