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POWER COMPANY SERVICE INDORSED BY MANY TOWNS

Patrons of Corporation Praise Efficiency And Recommend Sale

HUNDREDS REPLY TO GOLDSTEIN'S INQUIRIES

Letters Will Be Published For Information of Citizens Who Are To Ratify Or Reject Contract Between Dunn and Carolina Power And Light Company.

ELECTRICITY—N. Carolina Light and Power Company service is recommended to Dunn by nearly 500 municipal officers, manufacturers, bankers and merchants who last week answered inquiries addressed to them by Ellis Goldstein, chairman of the water and light commission of the town government. Every one of the great number of letters speak in highest terms of the service given by the company and many of them take occasion to remark upon the economy of such service compared to that given by municipality owned plants.

Mr. Goldstein's inquiries were sent out in the interest of citizens who will be called upon to ratify or reject a contract recently submitted to the Board of Town Commissioners by the company which desires to purchase the municipalities electric plant and institute its service here. All of these letters will be published next week.

Here is one from the Chamber of Commerce at Henderson. "We understand that the City of Dunn is contemplating some improvements in her lighting system. This is indeed a very worthy movement, and your progressive city is to be congratulated, no city can sell itself in the dark.

"Feeling that you are interested in the experience of other places, particularly those similarly situated, I am writing to say that Henderson is on the Carolina Power and Light Company's line. Our city having been served by this company in a very satisfactory manner for ten years.

"Our experience with this corporation has been strictly business, and we have found them ready to add such improvements from time to time as are necessary to a growing city like Henderson. At the same time, we have found them ready to add such improvements from time to time as are necessary to a growing city like Henderson.

"I believe that I can state without the slightest hesitation that our lighting and power service has been vastly improved since the above transaction was made. Our citizens have secured at the same time, a lower rate than when the plant was owned by the City, and I believe, with a few, if any, exceptions, are well pleased with our service.

"I have always found the Carolina Power and Light Company business-like, reliable and living up to their contracts. While I am not familiar with the conditions surrounding your contract, from our experience, I believe you will be well justified in making the proposed change."

"Here is one from the editor of the Oxford Public Ledger: "It gives me great pleasure to state that I have been a constant consumer of the current furnished by the Carolina Power and Light Company since the current was turned on ten years ago, displacing an old plant that had outlived its day of usefulness."

"Perhaps typewriting machinery is the most delicate machinery propelled, and yet the current of the Carolina Power & Light Company is so steady that there is never a perceptible jar. We could not want for better service, and in this particular I but express the opinion of all consumers here.

APPRECIATE WORK OF JUDGE E. H. CRAMMER

Lillington, Nov. 28.—For his close and undivided attention to the matters coming before his court, his uniform courtesy through all procedure, and his zeal in the cause of justice, Judge Crammer became popular not only with the bar but among the people generally during the past six months of his administration upon the bench in Harnett county. Coming into the county as a stranger, he has just finished his labors and has gone to another district bearing the good will of the people in this district.

At the conclusion of the November term the Harnett county bar passed the following resolutions: "We, the Bar of Harnett county, in consideration of the excellent and courteous manner in which Judge E. H. Crammer has held the courts of this district for the last six months, and especially the manner in which he has held the courts in Harnett county, feel impelled and therefore do pass the following resolutions: That we extend to Judge E. H. Crammer our heart felt thanks and appreciation for his faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties of Judge, and the fair and impartial manner in which he has extended uniform courtesy to all who appear before him, and the efficient labors which he has performed in handling the Docket in this Court.

"Second, That we have found Judge Crammer to be eminently fair and unswerving in his desire to see that justice prevails in all matters brought into his court."

WILSON AVERAGES \$377 PER MINUTE

Market Has Sold 1,292 Lbs. of Tobacco Per Minute This Season

Wilson, Nov. 25.—How money is handed out at the rate of more than \$300 each sales minute on the Wilson tobacco market is shown by figures furnished by J. Johnson, secretary of the Wilson Tobacco Board of Trade. Mr. Johnson gives statistics to the effect that the market has sold 1,292 pounds each sales minute since the 1921 season opened in September and that it has paid out \$377.54 for each sales minute during that time.

There have been fifty-five sales days since the market opened this season and it has averaged more than \$377 per minute.

The market to date has sold 39,896,854 pounds of the golden weed for \$7,716,639.26, making an average of \$19.17 per hundred pounds. During the same period last year the market sold 30,129,390 pounds at an average of \$24.84 per hundred, the total amount paid being \$7,466,231.52. The market thus has sold 248,826 less than in the same period in 1921, but has paid out \$270,307.76 more in money. The general average so far this year has been \$4.35 per hundred pounds more than the general average last year.

The day before Thanksgiving this year the market sold 615,864 pounds for \$162,927.58 at an average of \$26.45 per hundred and on the same day last year the sales totaled 477,546 pounds for \$109,216.88 an average of \$22.90 per hundred. On Monday following Thanksgiving last year the market sold 688,294 pounds for \$143,609.98 at an average of \$20.85 per hundred.

Burgess-Lee Engagement—Many friends in Raleigh will be interested in the announcement of the engagement of Miss Edith Lee, of Greenville, to Mr. Cals K. Burgess, of this city. The engagement was announced at a card party given on Thanksgiving Day by Miss Maude Lee at Greenville.

Miss Edith Lee is the younger daughter of Mrs. I. P. Lee, the graduate last spring from Randolph-Macon College, Lynchburg and has been teaching this fall at the high school in Warsaw. Mr. Burgess is a graduate of the University of North Carolina class of 1912, and is now a practicing attorney at Raleigh.

Criminational Evidence—The Birmingham board of selection held many sessions and finally formulated a set of auto laws that was the pride of the county. So the constable felt no worryment when he stopped a motorist.

JURY DOESN'T ACCEPT WILLIAM'S TESTIMONY

Negro Alleged To Have Been Present At Killing Is Acquitted

Fayetteville, Nov. 26.—Rem Lawson, negro, employed at the mill of Marshall Williams, who was alleged to have been present at the shooting of Deputy Sheriff A. J. Pate when the still was raided in July last, for which Williams was sentenced to 30 years in the State prison yesterday by Judge H. P. Lane, was acquitted of a charge of assault with a deadly weapon by a Superior court jury late last night.

Williams went on the stand late yesterday afternoon and swore that Dawson fired the shot that killed the Sheriff. He used his Winchester automatic shotgun. At a night session of the court Dawson took the stand in his own behalf and denied that he fired at the sheriff's party, declaring that he left the vicinity of the still when the officers came up. Williams has sworn that Dawson fired four times, while he fired but once, with a Krag-Jorgensen rifle, holding his aim purposely as not to hit any of the officers. One of the other negroes at the still swore that Dawson fired once while there was other contradictory evidence.

The chief evidence in the negro's favor was that of Deputy Sheriff Charlie Driver, who swore positively as he had done at Williams' trial, that he saw Marshall Williams fire the shot that killed Pate, shooting several times with a rifle. J. M. Rogers, the undertaker who prepared Pate's body for burial, testified that the wound was inflicted by a single ball. However, it was more the weakness of the State's case than the strength of the testimony in Dawson's behalf that brought the acquittal, practically all the evidence against the defendant being given by Williams.

UNCOVER GRAVES SAID TO BE MANY CENTURIES OLD

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 27.—Recent heavy rains in the vicinity of Redding, near here, have uncovered the burial grounds of a race of giant people who are thought to have lived thousands of years ago, according to August Ealey, a miner, who has been employed in the Redding district. Ealey described parts of skeletons recovered from the cemetery and declared that the stature of the race must have been twice that of the average man of today. One skull showed a thickness of about an inch, Ealey said, and was in a state of perfect preservation. Pieces of pottery, earthenware and other articles were also

discovered. The State University with the hope that a more intimate investigation would be made of the burial ground.

GAINS WIPED OUT IN COTTON PRICES

Reaction During Last Two Sessions Overcome Steady Advance of Week

New Orleans, La., Nov. 27.—While the cotton market stood at an advance over the close of the preceding week throughout the week just ended there were reactions during the last two sessions which wiped out a good part of the gains established in the earlier sessions. At the highest of the week prices were 147 to 161 points up from the close of the week before, closing at 39 to 60 points. December traded up to 17.82 and closed at 16.70. First-December notices caused considerable liquidation of the long interest at the end of the week and liquidation, more than anything else, was responsible for the actions. In the spot department middling gained 76 points in the net results, closing at 17.25 against 15.00 cents a year ago.

Buying of the early part of the week was done on improvement due to a demand consequent upon the filling of December commitments and on favorable construction placed on the spinning figures from the cotton bureau, which made the total output to the 4th of November, 7,370,575 bales, indicating production during the fifth spinning period of only 619,785 bales against 1,406,009 the same period last year. While the figures were quite generally accepted as confirming crop ideas of around 9,000,000 bales, such a yield as low as is looked upon as a bear argument.

Some improvement in the spot demand was said to be due to purchases by Liverpool supposed to be the result of improvement in Manchester owing to the breaking up of the Gandhi boycott in India. Private cables claimed that huge orders were piling up in Manchester for India account and Lancashire turning down the proposition to go on organized half-time, 82 1-2 per cent of the spinners voting against it, according to dispatches which reached this market.

Pink boll worm news caused more or less of the buying in the contract and market private telegrams from points in Texas stating the worm had apparently in five counties and claiming that extensive quarantine measures would be found necessary to keep the pest from spreading. The fear of the market was that farther restrictions in important Texas counties because of the pest would result in a material decrease in the acreage next spring.

CATER BELL DIES SUDDENLY IN HIS STORE MONDAY

Was One Of Dunn's Most Popular Merchants

FUNERAL TO BE HELD HERE THIS AFTERNOON

Interment To Be Made In Greenwood Cemetery After Services In First Baptist Church — Was Brother Of Harnett And Sons' Late Bryant A. Bell.

Cater Bell, one of Dunn's most popular merchants, died suddenly at his store in East Broad street late about noon. He was 47 years of age and had been ill for several days. He was buried in the Greenwood cemetery.

HARDING ENDORSES WORK TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION

Copy of the following letter addressed to the Managing-Director of the National Tuberculosis Association was forwarded to the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association today: "I am glad to note the splendid success of the campaign against tuberculosis, as shown by the decline of the death rate in 1920, to the remarkable low level of 114 per 100,000. The enormous saving of life reflected by these figures clearly indicates the success of the work of the National Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated organizations.

"As Honorary Vice-President of the Association, I will be glad to have you convey to all who are interested in the prevention of tuberculosis the fact that the work of the Seal Sale may be completely successful in order that your splendid work may be further developed. I trust that there may be a generous response to your appeal."

DECLARES NEGRO KILLED AL PATE

Marshall Williams Creates A Sensation After Getting 30-Year Sentence

Fayetteville, Nov. 25.—Marshall Williams, whose counsel on Tuesday of this week submitted to a verdict of guilty in the case of the shooting in connection with the killing of Deputy Sheriff Al J. Pate, was given the maximum sentence of thirty years in the State Penitentiary by Judge H. P. Lane this afternoon, and shortly after the sentence was imposed created a genuine sensation when he took the witness stand and swore that Haz Dawson, negro, the principal witness against him, fired the shot that killed Pate in the raid on his still on the night of July 22. Dawson is charged with assault with a deadly weapon and his case was unfinished when the court adjourned.

Williams gave a detailed story of the shooting, growing emphatic at times, but generally exhibiting the same calmness and steadiness of nerve that has marked his every appearance in court. His account of what happened at the still was clear and to the point, and he was unshaken by cross-examination. He said that he fired the first shot and held his aim about four feet off to keep from hitting anyone. Dawson then fired over his head, he declared. He did not know that Dawson was going to shoot and the unexpected concussion of the high-powered Winchester automatic shotgun shocked him, he said. He himself fired but one shot from his rifle, while the negro shot four times. He asked Dawson if he hit anybody.

"I don't know, but I held it on 'em," the negro replied, according to the witness.

Williams displayed an expert knowledge of firearms, and the velocity of various weapons. The automatic shotgun used by Watson, he declared, contained five shells, the first two being loaded with a single conical ball weighing an ounce and the others with 4-R buckshot. The difference in the reports of the two high-powered guns, he said, could not have been distinguished by the members of the sheriff's party.

BIG ORCHARD CONCERN BUYS SANDHILL LAND

Will Plant Several Hundred Acres In Peaches This Winter

Aberdeen, Nov. 26.—One of the biggest events recently pulled off in Moore county is the organization of the Marlboro Orchard Company, which will set at once 300 acres of peaches on a tract of land just out of Aberdeen, which has been bought from the Marlboro Farms Company. For a short time past S. B. Richardson, Talbot Johnson and Blon H. Butler have been busy with the project. The orchard company buys from the Marlboro Farms 512 acres on the road between Aberdeen and Pinebluff. This is the part of the farm that has been in the most intensive cultivation for the past several years and it is now in shape to make young trees grow in the most vigorous style. The intention is to get 200 acres of the land in peaches at once and another hundred acres later.

With the location of the orchard right, the organization has been made with the same regard for a successful establishment. The stockholders include S. B. Richardson, who is the leading peach man in this section. Other stockholders are: J. R. Page, who ranks also in the top of the list as an orchard man and financier; James Barbour of New York and Johnston; J. Talbot Johnson, B. B. Saunders, D. Al Blue, J. Alton McQuinn, F. R. Cole, W. M. Haddock, Cotway, Blon H. Butler, Joseph Daniel, E. H. Griffin, of the Yarbrough House at Raleigh; Col. J. E. Young, of Raleigh, and the Gentile Brothers, of Florida, who are among the largest fruit growers in the world, and who rank among the biggest dealers in the United States.

KATCHA KOO WILL APPEAR TONIGHT

Fantastic Oriental Production Promises Pleasure To Dunn Public

When the curtain rises tonight on the Oriental-American Fantoctique, Katcha-Koo which is being staged under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce as a benefit for the public playground, a rare treat is in store for Dunn play goers, who promise to pack the Metropolitan theater to capacity. Oriental incense and the fragrance of sandal wood will create just the right languorous atmosphere for the introductory scene which is laid in the far East.

ALREADY BEGUN

The first farm product to be affected by the cooperative marketing in North Carolina is the peanut. This is due to the fact that the campaign for cotton and tobacco could not be completed in time for the plan.

Since the cooperative marketing plan has begun, attacks from the outside have started. The peanut crop in Eastern North Carolina and Eastern Virginia is practically in the grip of the cooperative marketing plan.

And it is now hard for the peanut mills and buyers to purchase the old fashioned way. A visit to any of the central buyers will prove to the average man that something has happened along peanut lines. The peas are not sold this year on the local markets as in days of yore, and the producers are standing by their contracts.

But what is happening? Attempts are being made right now by some people to dissuade the farmers who have signed the peanut contracts. Literature has been sent out to cause trouble and confusion. Who are the people who are trying to cause the producers to break their contracts?

I have not as yet heard a single farmer trying to dissuade another farmer with the contract that they had signed. I have heard a few farmers say that they wished they had not signed the contracts until they were out of debt, but with this campaign, the producers are entitled to feel certain they have taken and intend to live up to their obligation to the cooperative marketing plan.

FARMER KILLED IN GUN BATTLE WITH JIM W. JOHNSON

Frank Stone Is Shot Twice Through His Right Breast

BOTH RESIDENTS OF ANDERSON'S CREEK

Coroner's Jury Holds Johnson Responsible—He Is In Harnett Central Hospital Seriously Wounded—Said To Have Gone To Stone Home With Liquor.

Frank Stone, 59 years old, a prominent farmer of Anderson's Creek Township, is dead from bullet wounds said to have been inflicted by Jim W. Johnson, 33-year-old farmer of the same township late Saturday night. Johnson, himself seriously wounded, is in Harnett Central Hospital at Lillington and will be placed in jail as soon as his wounds permit of his leaving the hospital.

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COOPER NEWS

Cooper, Nov. 28.—The Thanksgiving celebration at Mt. Zion was quite a success. A large crowd attended and all report a good time. A. E. Page delivered the closing address. Mr. Page is quite an orator and the community is rather proud of him.

Alfred Matthews of Auryville filled his regular appointment here on Thanksgiving.

Stacy Page has accepted a position with Godwin and Maxwell company here.

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