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RAILROAD HAS NOT ACCEPTED TOWN'S LUCKNOW OFFER

In Spite Of Persistent Rumors To Contrary, Matter Still In Dispute

Coast Line Claims Property And Streets

Town Seeks To Compromise And Has Offered Company Use Of Southern Half Of Square If It Will Abandon Claim To Northern Half—Godwin & Williams Confer With Opposing Counsel

The Lucknow Square controversy apparently is no nearer settlement than it was two weeks ago when the board of town commissioners instructed its counsel to propose to the contending railway company that it accept the southern half of the property as a passenger station site and abandon its claim to the northern half which the town desires to convert into a public park.

In spite of persistent rumors for the last few days that the railroad company had accepted the proposed compromise, there has been no such acceptance, according to Godwin & Williams, lawyers, who are representing the board of commissioners in the matter. The lawyers went yesterday to Fayetteville to confer with Atlantic Coast Line counsel concerning the compromise and were informed that, although the counsel would be glad to reach an agreement through which the present suit could be abandoned, the railway officials had not as yet reached a decision.

The latest proposal made by the board of commissioners followed one made by the railroad company. The company laid claim to all of the property, that part of Cumberland Street which divides the two blocks and all of the street west of the square, but was not averse to the use of the property by the town, until such time as the railroad should be abandoned.

The board of commissioners has received, and, according to counsel, that is all that the company has given any information that it would concede.

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS CO OPS

Hands Down Opinion That Co-Operative Selling Contracts Valid

The Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association yesterday won from the Supreme Court, in affirmation of constitutionality upon the statute under which it was organized, approves its machinery of operation, and endorses it as "the most hopeful movement ever inaugurated to obtain justice for and improve the financial condition of farmers and laborers."

The opinion in the case, entitled "Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association v. W. T. Jones, was written by Chief Justice Walter Clark, and is an elaborate recital not only of the contents in the action brought by the Association against a member for violation of the co-operative contract, but of the history of the co-operative movement.

The defendant, W. T. Jones, of Nash, notwithstanding his co-operative contract, according to the fact in the case, sold part of his 1922 crop of tobacco on the warehouse floor and announced that he would not deliver any more of his tobacco to the Association. The action was brought by the Association for liquidated damages covering the tobacco already sold and for an injunction to prevent further breach of contract, and the defendant appealed from the order for an injunction issued by Judge Frank Daniels in Nash county in October, 1922.

Alleged Act Unconstitutional The defendant contended that the co-operative marketing act is unconstitutional and void and that the contract between the plaintiff and the defendant is invalid because in restraint of inter-State and intra-State commerce and, therefore that the injunction was improvidently granted.

The plaintiff Association contended that the co-operative marketing Act is constitutional and that a co-operative marketing association organized for the handling of its members' products only is entitled to an injunction against the grower member who threatens to breach his market-

TOWN PRIMARY TO BE HELD TUESDAY

A Mayor And Four Town Commissioners Are To Be Nominated

As has been stated in The Dispatch, the town primary will be held on Tuesday of next week, April 17. A mayor and four commissioners are to be nominated, which is equivalent to election. Two candidates for mayor are to be voted on, while there will be a contest for commissioner from all the four wards except ward No. 4, B. M. Brewer being the only candidate from that ward.

J. L. Wade, incumbent, and J. W. Whitehead, are the candidates for mayor. Mr. Wade served the town as mayor for the past two terms of one year each while Mr. Whitehead served for two terms prior to Mr. Wade's election. Three candidates are in the race for commissioner from the first ward—R. M. Warren, incumbent; G. W. Butler and N. B. Lee. Two are "offering" from ward No. 2—P. A. Lee, incumbent, and P. T. Masengill, while a like number are in the race from ward No. 3—W. H. Newberry, incumbent, and Wesley B. Thompson.

The campaign so far has been "a mild affair," but new life expected to be added during the remaining few days before the primary. The names of the candidates are presented and now the choice is left with you, "dear voter."

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH NEAR WADE

Eight-Year-Old Daughter Of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Houston Fatally Burned

Nellie Belle Houston, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Houston, who live near Wade, died Tuesday of burns received two hours earlier when she fell into an open fire-place. The child was in the room alone and as she was given

by a fit. All the clothing was burned from the body and the child was horribly burned. The mother, who was attracted by the scream of the unfortunate child, had her hands badly burned in trying to extinguish the flames.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday by Rev. Mr. Kroker of Wade and interment was made in the family burying plot at Bluff church.

MRS. ANN MASON DIED TUESDAY

Mrs. Allie Ann Mason, age 68 years, died Tuesday at her home in South Dunn. Deceased had been in ill health for some time and her death was not unexpected. Several children survive. The funeral was conducted at the grave Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and interment was made in the family cemetery, near Falcon.

SEASON'S FIRST CRATE STRAWBERRIES BRINGS \$25

Wilmington, April 9.—The first crate of strawberries appearing on the market at Whiteville, Columbus county, today sold for \$25 and the grower, Duff McPherson, won a \$10 cash prize offered for the first crate. The second crate brought in was sold by L. O. Sellers for \$18. In all five crates appeared on the Whiteville market today and were shipped to a northern market. Published state reports that the crop had been severely injured by the Easter frost and freeze have been vigorously denied by growers in the Chadbourn berry belt, who declare that the freeze cut what would have proved to be an enormous crop and really was a benefit to them.

A well laid out and well tilled garden is one of the most attractive parts of the farm.

ing contract is not in restraint of inter-State commerce or violative of any Federal anti-trust law or law against monopolies and does not violate the statutes, public policy or constitution of North Carolina. The case was handled for the plaintiff in the lower court by Aaron Gopiro, nationally known cooperative expert and attorney, Lawrence R. Levy, his associate, Burgess & Joyner, James H. Fou and Stephen C. Bragaw. In the higher court Lawrence R. Levy and James H. Fou appeared. Attorneys for the defense included L. V. Bassett, F. S. Spruill, and Joseph. H. Ramsey. Raleigh News and Observer.

A Tuberculin Test Of Harnett Cattle

Georgia Farmer Changes His Mind When It's All Too Late

A signed statement by Mr. Odum, whose whole family was infected by one cow.

Mr. Odum, of Columbus, Ga., formerly of Valdosta, Ga., used the milk of a tubercular cow for his family to prove that he did not believe in its existence in cows ten years ago, and which disease caused the death of his son, and the hospitalization of his two daughters, now believes that tuberculosis can be contracted from cows. His statement follows:

In the fall of 1912 the dairy herd of Mr. O. H. Hightower was tested for tubercular by Dr. W. M. Howell; two cows were put out of the dairy. One was slaughtered as a reactor, the other was called suspicious. This one was taken to my farm and milked, the milk being used by my family. This cow was fed just as the others in the dairy were fed. In one month's time she looked so bad that I was afraid to milk her, consequently I returned her to Mr. Hightower. My son, Jesse, developed tuberculosis the next year, and has had it until the present time (about nine years), and my wife, I believe, contracted it from the boy.

The boy was kept in the Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children at Decatur, Ga., for four years, for nine months on his back, where part of his neck bone was removed and replaced by part of the leg bone, part of the bone from a sheep was used to replace the leg bone.

At present my two daughters are in the tubercular hospital at Alto, Ga., and I believe they contracted the disease from their mother, who was buried here today.

MAY ENLARGE THE HOSIERY PLANT

Checking Growth Of Local Mill

A lack of laborers is the only thing that is retarding the growth of the Dunn annex of the Durham hosiery mills, according to S. B. Ferrell, manager of the local looper plant. New machines will be added each as second, said Mr. Ferrell, when seen by a Dispatch reporter Wednesday, who added that he could use at least five new operators each week. Only girls between the ages of 16 and 25 years make good operators for the looper machines. Several new operators have recently begun work and last week was a record one for production at the local annex, according to Mr. Ferrell.

It might be added that the Durham hosiery mills are the largest in the world, and their product, Durable Durham Hosiery, is nationally advertised and worn. Knitting mills are operated in several North Carolina cities and towns and looper annexes are operated in a still larger number by this well-known concern. If enough skilled loopers can be secured here, it will be only a matter of time before a knitting mill will be built in Dunn.

Twenty-four looper machines are now being operated at the plant in North Dunn and it is expected that this number will be doubled. In fact, there are no doubts about the plant being enlarged if labor can be secured to operate the new machines.

A slight wage increase for operators of the plant here went into effect this week, in line with the advances made at the Durham and other plants of this company. Young girls who desire to work would do well to visit the plant here and inspect the work and the working conditions. The plant is kept in a strictly sanitary condition and a wide-awake girl can command a satisfactory wage.

It was through the efforts of local citizens that the annex was built here and it will be to the interest of the citizens of the town to lend their influence in making it possible to enlarge the mill, which will mean an increased weekly payroll.

After Tilt With Wife, Preacher Throws Baby Out Window

Nashville, Tenn., April 9.—After a quarrel with his wife, the Rev. Billie Watkins, former Baptist minister, threw his one-year-old baby out of the house in the yard, breaking its neck and killing it instantly, at Morris chapel, Harden county, according to reports here. He is under arrest.

DEATH TAKEN ANOTHER VICTIM OF AUTO WRECK

David R. Pate, Driver of Car Died In Hospital Wednesday Night

Other Occupants Are Expected to Recover

Many Believe That Railings Should Be Put On Abutments Of Bridge To Make It Safer For Cars — Pastor Founded Sunday School Here For Presbyterian Church

Duke, April 12.—A fatal automobile accident of last night, when a Ford car, driven by David R. Pate, driver of the car, had his skull fractured and other fatal injuries, was caused him to expire Wednesday night after suffering much agony for many hours. Interment was made in the Pate burial ground near the town on Thursday afternoon.

The other patients continue to improve, as they are recovering from the serious injury sustained by them. Todd was able to go to his home on Thursday, and Mr. Norris is expected to leave the hospital today.

Several ways were mentioned by people who saw the wrecked car, the reason why the car fell off the bridge when there was a railing in front of it. However, Mr. Pate, the correspondent who was at the hospital, the fact that Mr. Pate was driving the car as he approached the bridge, his attention was attracted to the car which was coming toward him at that time was only a few feet away. By this time the car had crossed the straight course and was on the curve, and the car was in the air.

MR. DAVID R. PATE DIES OF INJURIES

Was Driver Of Hit-Fatal Auto Which Ran Off Embankment Last Sunday

David R. Pate, driver of the ill-fated automobile, which ran off a 25-foot embankment at the southern end of the bridge which spans Cape Fear river, four miles west of Dunn, Sunday afternoon, died Tuesday night about 10 o'clock. Mr. Pate died at the Good Hope hospital, Duke, where he was taken soon after the accident, of internal injuries received in the crash. He was 56 years old and unmarried.

The funeral was conducted at the grave Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Albert McCall, pastor of the Baptist church at Duke, of which deceased was a member.

This was the second death resulting from the auto accident, Robert Norris, a 4-year-old child, having been instantly killed. As was stated in Tuesday's Dispatch, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Norris, parents of the child killed, another of their children and Mrs. Esther Todd, a sister of Mrs. Norris, were all seriously hurt, Mr. Norris probably fatally.

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Contract has been let for the construction of seven new Sunday school rooms to be built at the Presbyterian church. Work will be begun on them Monday morning, and it is expected that they will soon be completed. The Presbyterian Sunday school here has had a wonderful growth in the last year, under the efficient work being done by Superintendent C. S. Hicks and his able corps of assistants, and the rooms are necessary for the care of the scholars.

The organization of the local baseball team is to be held Saturday, when a manager for this season will be chosen. Other plans will be discussed by which it is hoped that Duke will get a team into the field this year that will be on a par with the wonderful outfits that year after year won the county championship for so many seasons. Fans here are promised a team this year that will cause them to sit up and take notice, and also to be proud of.

Cooper and Rousark Charged With Fraud

Warrants Issued At The Instance Of J. T. Crowder, Cashier Of An Apex Bank

Wilmington, April 10.—Following receipt of warrants here today from Magistrate, J. Loyd Tilley, of Raleigh, issued at the instance of J. T. Crowder, cashier of the Peoples Bank of Apex, Thomas E. Cooper, former president of the defunct Liberty Saving bank, of this city, and J. C. Rousark, former cashier, were arrested and held in the slum of \$5,000 each, with E. T. Burton, lawyer of this city as surety for their appearance in Raleigh Saturday before Magistrate Tilley.

Cashier Crowder, of the Apex institution, alleges that on or about November 25, 1922, he gave to Mr. Cooper a check for \$5,000 for a certificate of deposit of the Liberty Savings bank, the check being paid by the Merchants' National bank of Raleigh about December 2, 1922. On December 30, 1922, the Commercial National bank here was closed and February 2, 1923, the Liberty Savings bank was closed, the two institutions being associated. The certificate of deposit became due and payable to the Apex bank on February 25, 1923, but, it is alleged, has never been paid, the Liberty Savings bank having been closed prior to that date.

Mr. Crowder alleges that he is informed and believes that the money was not deposited in the Liberty Savings bank to the credit of the Peoples Bank of Apex, and therefore charges Mr. Cooper with fraud in handling the transaction. Cashier Rousark is brought into the case on the allegation that he issued the certificate of deposit to Mr. Cooper without receiving from him the \$5,000 which Cashier Crowder had paid for it, thus becoming a party to the alleged fraud.

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SYRIAN TO SPEAK IN DUNN SUNDAY

Will Tell Of Conditions Existing In The Near East Countries

As was stated in Tuesday's Dispatch, the Near East Relief campaign will begin in Dunn next Sunday. Steve Saddow, a native Syrian, will speak at the opera house at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon and will bring to the people of Dunn a first-hand story of conditions as they actually exist in that country. He is said to be an eloquent speaker and no doubt his story of the terrible conditions among the Christian people of Armenia will be most interesting.

Dunn is asked to raise \$750 of the \$200,000 which the State is endeavoring to raise for the purpose of caring for the 110,000 orphan children now in American orphanages. The parents of these Armenian children were murdered because of their refusal to renounce their faith in Christianity. Rev. A. R. McQueen, pastor of the Dunn Presbyterian church, is chairman of the local committee.

Not only should the citizens of Dunn attend the meeting Sunday afternoon, but they should make liberal contributions to aid in this great humanitarian work—that of furnishing food, clothing and shelter for the unfortunate children of Armenia.

Some children don't see their parents as often as they see the policeman.

MAY INHERIT A GREAT FORTUNE

Eighteen Robeson County Citizens In Line To Inherit Fortune Of \$50,000,000

Lumberton, April 11.—Eighteen Robeson county people seem to be in line to inherit a fortune of \$50,000,000 which is said to be waiting in California for those who can establish their claim.

Wm. Hunter, went from Robeson county in 1840 to California and died some years ago, leaving a large fortune with no direct heirs, both his sons have died without issue. He was an uncle of J. E. Tyner, Mrs. W. M. Bryan and Mrs. A. L. Broadwell, all of whom live near Lumberton, also an uncle of the first wife of W. H. Shooter, of Lumberton.

Nolan Speight, 80 or 90 years old, who lives near Allenton, says he remembers when Jim Baker handled turpentine from near Allenton to the Cape Fear river, and Dockery Allen, who lives eight miles from Lumberton on route 6, says he remembers when Jim Baker left Robeson and recalls that he said he was going to California to get rich.

Messrs. Tyner and Shooter are having the matter investigated, being certain that their uncle, Jim Baker, was one of the men referred to and that they can establish their claims to being the nearest relatives and lawful heirs.

BUIE'S CREEK HEARS PROMINENT SPEAKERS

Buie's Creek, April 11.—Buie's Creek Academy has been fortunate in having had in this community two great addresses recently. The coming of Mr. Harry L. Strickland, Sunday school specialist, who gave two great addresses, was an occasion of great enthusiasm. At the close of the service six made public professions of faith.

Evangelist M. F. Han, now conducting special meetings at Fayetteville, with his evangelistic party conducted one service here last week at which time there were a number of professions.

Mr. E. L. Middleton, State Sunday school secretary for North Carolina Baptists, is to be here April 20, 21 and 22.

SELMA WILL GET NEW UNION PASSENGER STATION

The Supreme court Wednesday upheld the hands of the State Corporation Commission, when it directed the Atlantic Coast Line and the Southern Railway to proceed at once with the erection of a union depot at Selma, as ordered in 1914 by the Corporation Commission. The order of 1914 was held up during the stringency of the World War and its recent renewal brought about strenuous opposition on the part of the Southern. The Atlantic Coast Line took the position that it was ready to proceed as soon as the Southern was ready. This is final judgment in the matter.

FALCON ORPHANS HOME MAKES GOOD SHOWING FOR YEAR

Superintendent Culbreth's Report Indicates Healthy Growth In 1922-23

Profit of \$663.08 On Farm Work Is Shown

Per Capita Cost Of Children's Upkeep Is Only \$9.58 A Month—Indebtedness Is Reduced By \$2,365.61—Economic And Efficient Management Responsible

On Monday night, April 2nd, at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Falcon Orphanage, the superintendent, Mr. J. A. Culbreth, gave a report of the work of the institution for the past year, showing that much progress had been made.

Among the things mentioned in his report, it was stated that during the year from April 1, 1922, to April 1, 1923, there had been in the home an average of sixty children. Below are given some figures as to the cost of keeping them, showing that this institution is not extravagant with the funds entrusted to its disposal, and yet does in close touch with the work know that the children are as well cared for in the matter of food and clothing as average children of the country. Of course the institution lacks many conveniences of the larger institutions like work, but when Mr. Culbreth was elected last year to the superintendency, in which capacity he had served in previous years but had found it impossible to continue the work then, he made it a rule that in order to get free from the debt hanging over the institution, they would pay cash for current expenses and apply the surplus to the indebtedness, part of which was incurred by the enlarging of one of the homes so as to more nearly accommodate the ever-increasing number of applicants for admission. The building was done in high price times, on credit, and debts had accumulated that when low prices came in found the institution struggling to keep afloat. Nevertheless, the figures given speak well for the management, trustees and workers, all of whom have cooperated to keep down expenses.

Average cost of food, including home-raised supplies of farm \$5.91

Average cost of clothing, not including earnings of the children from cotton picking last fall 1.95

Average cost of operation (salaries and wages) 1.75

Average cost of all other expenses .47

Total cost monthly per capita \$9.58

Accurate accounts are kept of the cost of farming and dairying and supplies used in the homes are charged up as they are used, and the farm work showed a profit of \$663.08 over expenses. Over 1,200 quarts of fruit and vegetables were canned, most of which was raised on the farm.

Deducting this profit from the expenses would show an average cost of \$8.48 per month for the year.

As mentioned above, the children picked cotton in the fall, and were promised the proceeds for clothes for themselves. This amounted to somewhere near \$400.00, which would bring the cost of clothing up slightly, but when it is considered that it applies to sixty children, it is considerably less than a dollar apiece.

This orphanage is supported entirely by free-will offerings and receipts from its own farm, and the results of economy practiced during the year and the "pay as you go" rule for current expenses, enabled the management to reduce the indebtedness \$2,365.61.

The reduction was not due to increased donations fully, as the donations during the year were only \$750.00 in excess of what they were for 1921, and the reduction of the indebtedness was almost \$1,500 more than this. Compared with the last five-year average of donations, the report showed an increase of \$474.61, while reference to the receipts of 1920 showed that they were \$1,557.00 in excess of the receipts for 1922.

The largest amount that has ever been received by this institution was \$1,000, which a friend lent to it during his lifetime. For the interest, and at his death (and his wife's if she outlives him), the debt will be cancelled. Most of the offerings for the work have come in small sums, and very rarely do they get into three figures, unless it be at Camp Meeting.

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