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Large Attendance Expected At District Meeting Today

More Than 300 Members of J. O. U. A. M. Expected in Nashville On Friday

More than 300 members of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, representing three counties, will gather at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon in the lodge hall at Nashville for a district meeting, according to an announcement made today by officials of the order.

Nash, Edgecombe, and Wilson are the counties to be represented, while the district is the twenty-third.

Jake Winstead, Nashville, district deputy, will preside over the gathering which will be representative of the entire section, according to reports. Several national, state, and district dignitaries also have promised to be in attendance.

Headed by John Vann, counselor, more than 100 Rocky Mount members of the lodge No. 41 are planning to make the trip to Nashville and sit in a body at the meeting.

The various lodge delegations will be battling for three loving cups at the gathering it has been announced. The cups are given for membership, activities, and attendance achievements.

The local lodge has won the attendance prize for the past two years and will be placing a strong bid to capture it again this year. Officials of the order today called upon all juniors in this section to make every effort to attend the gathering on Friday. They have stated that the meeting in Nashville bids fair to surpass anything the lodge has ever attempted.

Plan Now For Better Cotton

Farmers Should Plan Now To Plant Improved Seed Next Year Says L. Bruce Gunter

By Roy H. Park

Fuquay Springs.—Farmers should plan now to plant improved cotton seed next year to keep the quality of North Carolina cotton at high levels, L. Bruce Gunter said here upon his return from the November board meeting of the directors of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association.

Although government reports show that 79 per cent of the cotton crop in this State is 15-16ths or better this year, Mr. Gunter said it was brought out in the directors' meeting that the quality is off in some sections where growers have neglected to give proper attention to their planting seed.

The ten farmer-directors of the cotton cooperative represent every section of the State's cotton belt. Mr. Gunter is director of the fifth district, composed of Wake, Franklin, Warren, Vance, Granville, Durham, Orange, Chatham, Alamance, Guilford and Randolph counties.

High Quality This Year
"Taken as a whole, the quality of the North Carolina crop is especially high this year," Mr. Gunter said, "and when marketed through the cooperative approximately four out of five bales will command a premium."

"With this fact in their minds, farmers more and more are turning to their own cooperative for their government 12-cent loans where they can get the full reward for their better grades and staples, and the result is that our deliveries are running far ahead of expectations."

Mr. Gunter pointed out that every bale handled by the cooperative is classed by a government licensed grader and that substantial premiums are paid on all cotton better than middling 7-8 when sold. These premiums are higher than usual this year because of the low quality of the crop in other states, Mr. Gunter said.

New Postmaster Assumes Duties

Mr. Elias Carr Speight has been appointed Postmaster for the city of Rocky Mount by President Roosevelt and has assumed the duties of his office. Mr. Speight is a gentleman of pleasing personality and possesses the ability to serve Rocky Mount well in this capacity.

He was born and reared in Edgecombe County, the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Speight of said county, his father being a prominent physician engaged in the general practice of medicine for more than forty years in Edgecombe County and also represented his county for three terms in the State Senate.

Mr. Speight for the past several years has been Secretary of the Merchants Association for the city of Rocky Mount, and he succeeds Mr. G. T. Matthews who has become associated with the Standard Insurance and Realty Company of this city.

FORMER POSTMASTER STARTS NEW DUTIES

Matthews Resignation Effective November 16

G. T. Matthews, former postmaster of this city, who recently resigned to accept a position with a local insurance company and building and loan association, today began his new work at his office at No. 125 Tarboro street.

Mr. Matthews, whose term expired April 28, 1934, had held the position of postmaster till an acting postmaster could be appointed. On October 4 Mr. Matthews sent a letter to the Postoffice department in Washington asking that his resignation be accepted effective November 1, 1934. He received a notice from the department on November 13 and his resignation became effective three days later.

Mr. Matthews is now connected with both the New Home Building and Loan association and the Standard Insurance and Realty corporation. He was postmaster here for several years before his resignation recently. E. Carr Speight, well-known local citizen, replaced him as acting postmaster.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an open competitive examination as follows:

Principal pathologist (cotton and other fibre crops and diseases), \$5,600 a year, Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture. Closing date, December 10, 1934.

The duties are to direct the work of the Division of Cotton and Other Fiber Crops and Diseases in outlining, initiating, and administering a national research program on the production, improvement and diseases cotton and other fiber crops, conducted in cooperation with the State Agricultural experiment stations and other agencies. Extensive education and experience in this field are required.

The salary named is subject to a deduction of not to exceed 5 per cent during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935, as a measure of economy, and also to a deduction of 3 1-2 per cent toward a retirement annuity.

All States except Iowa, Vermont, Maryland, and the District of Columbia have received less than their quota of appointments in the apportioned departmental service in Washington, D. C.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office or customhouse in any city which has a post office of the first or the second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Kingsford-Smith is first to fly the Pacific Ocean both ways. AAA reports indicate 800,000,000 bushel wheat crop in 1935.

Carload E.R.A. Cattle Shipped

12,000 Pounds Shipped by Rail to Wilmington

This city's first car load of slaughtered ERA cattle was shipped to Wilmington today for distribution, according to Mrs. R. D. Bullock, local relief administrator.

The meat, which was loaded into an Atlantic Coast Line refrigerator car, represented the carcasses of about 30 head of cattle, the administrator said, with each cow weighing approximately 400 lbs. for a total weight of 12,000 lbs. of meat in the shipment.

Slaughtering of 500 head of cattle was begun last week at the fairgrounds where the cattle which were bought by the government and shipped to the south are being kept.

C. W. Jacks, who is in charge of the handling of the cattle here, reported that the cows, together with feedstuffs were coming in regularly every day.

Slaughter Pen Now Operating

14 Persons Given Work in Newest Emergency Relief Administration Project

The local Emergency Relief Administration payroll showed a new project today, a slaughter pen project which had placed 14 men at work and probably will give work to additional employees as the project develops.

Only \$50.60 was added to the ERA payroll for the past week, due to the fact that the forces were employed only during the latter part of the week. A total of 265 persons received \$1,941.31 for the period, according to figures obtained from the local office.

Starting last week when a few head of cattle were shipped here for slaughter at the fair ground, at least 500 of the cattle which had been brought to the south from the west will be handled here within a short period, according to information received here.

The fair grounds have been places in readiness to accommodate the cattle which are fed and watered under the supervision of C. W. Jacks. The slaughtered meat is being shipped to various points for canning, according to Mrs. R. D. Bullock, local relief administrator. Local butchers are slaughtering the cattle.

The airport employed the largest number of workers here last week as 86 persons received \$510.90, while the mattress plant again gave employment to 68 persons with a payroll of \$453.

Other projects included the following: Eastern Carolina Training school, 34 persons received \$228.20; city-wide drainage, 29 persons, \$170; and the Negro grammar school where 20 persons received a payroll totalling \$202.20.

FIND SMUGGLED CHINESE

South Keansburg, N. J.—Federal Narcotic agents, raiding an isolated house, found eighteen frightened Chinese guarded by a strapping Trinidad negro and five police dogs. The Chinese had been smuggled into the country along with twenty others but were being held until friends or relatives paid the customary smugglers' fee of from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

DUST BLOCKS ROADS

Calgary, Alberta.—Day was turned into night when a 250-mile wind, whirling across farm and branch lands, blew dust like snow in fields and piled it along highways. Even with lights on, automobiles were "dust-bound," as drifts obstructed the roads.

HOMES AT NORRIS

The unit cost for houses at Norris, Tennessee, constructed to accommodate the families of workers constructing the Norris Dam, ranged from \$2,845 to \$6,365.

Making Life Masks of Indians



William H. Egberts, chief preparator in anthropology for the National museum in Washington, is now engaged in developing life masks of Blackfoot and Sioux Indians, for an exhibition of the department of physical anthropology. He is seen here putting the finishing touches to the mask of a chief of the Blackfoot, as he is surrounded by unfinished products of his craftsmanship.

ARE THE ALDERMEN FROM THE EAST SIDE OF ROCKY MOUNT SEEING THAT THEIR SIDE RECEIVES ITS FAIR AND JUST PROPORTION OF THE PUBLIC EXPENDITURES? NEEDS ADVOCATE IN THE LIKENESS OF LATE SENATOR BARRETT

Is the east side of the City of Rocky Mount receiving its just proportion of the public expenditures for public improvements? It is with some hesitation that we raise this issue but in our opinion we feel that it is in justice to the whole citizenship of Rocky Mount that we have ventured to call this to the attention of the public. While much of this money has come from State and Federal sources, yet there has been much of it from the public treasury of Rocky Mount, with the recommendation of the Board of Aldermen generally prevailing as to where the money is to be spent.

Do the wards on the west side elect stronger and more alert men to the city council than the east side. We cannot feel that the Aldermen coming from the west side have more ability than the Aldermen from the east side but we are constrained to believe from what has actually happened that the Aldermen representing the wards on the west side have been much more alert in seeing that the benefits, which are being distributed, go to their side more so than the Aldermen on the east side. Now, we feel in raising this question that we should give reasons for making this statement, which are as follows:

On the west side a city lake has been built at a cost from unofficial reports of about \$40,000. An airport has been constructed at a cost of about \$100,000. The Federal road and street projects in the direction of the Country Club were made at a cost of from \$50,000 to \$100,000. A beautiful project along route No. 40 beyond the airport was completed at a cost of approximately \$25,000.

At the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen there was a resolution presented for the construction of an athletic stadium on the west side of the city, which was deferred, and which the city can well afford to do without until we can get some playgrounds for our small children. There was a resolution passed for expenditures of beautification around the already highly improved and expensive lake. A further resolution was passed for the widening of Church Street. In our mind we feel that it would be a fine thing to widen this street but it is not any more necessary than playgrounds for our children. There is maintained on the west side the Braswell Park which is very necessary and much needed. The Battle Park for which the City of Rocky Mount pays \$1000.00 a year rent is also located on the west side. Now, on the east side we do not have a park of any kind. There have been some sewerage extensions on the east side but the west side received some as well. We had a small triangle lot of about an acre known as the Kite lot which has now been consumed by the city Reservoir. Now, these are the facts and we are willing to let any impartial judge pass on these items. We stand for the whole of Rocky Mount.

The School Board has asked for a plot of ground opposite the Lutheran Church to be used as a playground. This request has been endorsed by the American Legion Post, the Civitan Club and many interested citizens. The Board has not yet taken any action on this matter, yet without any request, so far as this paper is advised, save private real estate interests, it has ordered large and additional expenditures around the lake.

The late Senator Bassett raised this question when the first paving project was put on in Rocky Mount when it appeared that more of the benefits were to be spent on the west side and finally an agreeable adjustment was made. When the second paving project came on and the program was laid out and it was found that this same condition existed then Senator Bassett raised the question as to its fairness and finally an equal adjustment was made and if he were living today we feel that the present conditions would not exist. We call these things to the attention of the public and to the Board of Aldermen who represent us and in so doing it is not with the view of raising a controversy but to see that all of our citizens who pay taxes receive fair treatment.

The east side certainly needs a spokesman in the likeness of its departed friend, the late Senator Bassett.

New Rates For Current Users

New rates, designed to increase the current consumption of the patrons of the Carolina Power & Light Co., have been put into effect. The rates seem at first glance rather complicated, but upon investigation are simple enough. The corresponding month last year is used as, in a sense, a minimum, and the new rates are applied if they make a saving. If the user would pay less under

the old rates than under the new then the old rates, or corresponding new rates apply. The inducement rate will take effect only where a saving is effected.

However, with current available to larger users at rates showing reductions as high as 87 per cent it is hoped by the company officials that most of their patrons will take advantage of the new rates and use more current, either adding needed electrical appliances, or making freer use of the appliances they already have, remembering that from about 8 to as high as five or six hundred kilowatt hours can be used for no extra cost, depending on the amount used last year.

Senator Allsbrook Scores Sales Tax In Talk

Hunters Warned Not Sell Game

Any hapless hunter who is caught selling his kill or any person buying and serving quail in public eating houses will find himself in a clinch with the law, according to an announcement made today by Charles D. Benbow, Jr., Nash county game warden.

Mr. Benbow called attention to the fact that buying and serving quail in public eating places purely a violation of the state game laws, and promised that all violations will be prosecuted.

The game warden said that it was contrary to the law for a hunter to pay a restaurant proprietor a certain sum of money for cooking quail brought into the place by the hunter.

Shooting snipe and woodcock requires a federal duck stamp as these birds are classed as migratory wild fowl, the game warden also reminded.

New Service Station Opened

Midtown Super Service Now Brightens Washington And Hill Streets

Completely remodelling and equipping the Old Sinclair Station in the rear of their store, W. D. Joyner & Sons have recently opened one of the best and most modernly equipped service stations in Rocky Mount, naming it the Midtown Super Service.

Among the improvements made are the installation of a washing pit, complete line of grease guns for specialized greasing, Champion spark plug cleaner and tester, and a complete line of accessories. The building has been repainted as well as the rear of W. D. Joyner & Sons' store and the wall of the adjoining building.

A notable feature is the lighting system, composed of two high powered flood lights in addition to the regular lights about the station, which makes it the truly bright spot of the town at night.

Negro Confesses Murder Of Girls

Alice Hill, 13 and Ellen Hill, 9, Killed by Philip Jones, Negro, 25, at Clifton Forge Va. Missing Since Sunday Night

Philip Jones, arrested for the slaying of Alice Hill, 13 and Ellen Hill, 9, children of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hill, of Clifton Forge, Va., is reported to have confessed to the double slaying and to a criminal attack on the older child.

The Hill children had been missing since Sunday night, and searching parties had been scouring the country. One of these parties found the children's bodies in a rain washed gully in the woods near the home of Jones. A shotgun with a broken stock, evidently the weapon with which the children were slain, was found in the bushes near where the bodies were found. The gun bore blood stains.

Jones, who was arrested shortly after the bodies were found, is reported to have made a confession to the authorities at Clifton Forge, and a more complete confession to the sheriff of Henrico County, Va., in Richmond, where he was taken for safe keeping when feeling rose to such a pitch in Clifton Forge that authorities feared for the safety of their prisoner.

Our foreign trade for 9 months of 1934 30 per cent above year ago.

Says Sales Tax Dangerous Piece of Legislation to Retain on Law Books

ASKS FOR SANE THINKING

In an address before members of the Scotland Neck Merchant Association at a dinner meeting of that body Tuesday night in the basement of the local Baptist church, Julian R. Allsbrook of Roanoke Rapids, Senator to represent this county in the next General Assembly, discussed the problems confronting the merchants and other citizens of the State, and told business men of this place that he considers the chief task of the next General Assembly to be that of retaining the essential functions of the State and eliminating the non-essential.

Bernard Allsbrook presented the evening's speaker as a man who is not a merchant but who is deeply interested in the affairs of the merchants.

Senator Allsbrook began his remarks by giving a brief resume of merchandising and its evolution. He spoke especially of the marked trend toward the building of towns from rural areas, pointing out the important part in every community that its merchant play. He said a merchants association is a life-giving influence to constructive movements in community.

"The sales tax is creating an unfavorable attitude toward payment of all taxes," the Halifax Senator stated, "and it is a dangerous piece of legislation retain upon the law books." He further told merchants. But he quickly hastened to say that the real job of the next General Assembly, when it convenes at Raleigh in January, will be to retain the essential functions of the State and to eliminate the non-fundamental. Mr. Allsbrook said that merchants contribute more and are rewarded less than a group in a town, and in bringing his address to a close he expressed the hope that the next General Assembly would work to end that the State can carry forward with increasing force and efficiency the functions of its government without increased taxation. He asked that the people of this county do constructive thinking during the next few weeks as to improve their local, county and state governments.

LANDS DISABLED PLAN

Newark, N. J.—A disabled transport plane, with seven passengers and a crew of three, circled the airport here for nearly an hour while ambulances, fire wagon and police cars could be assembled for its emergency landing. The plane's landing gear was stuck half way out of the plane. The pilot, however, managed to land safely.

CUBAN TRADE BETTER

Exports to Cuba in September were thirty-five per cent larger in value than in August, seemingly as a result of the recent trade agreement with the Island Republic. Agricultural exports were valued at \$1,078,500 in September compared with \$600,000 in August.

GIRLS PAY BY ANALYSIS

Cambridge, Mass.—Girls got to a recent dance were taxed to market value of the chemicals they made up their bodies and the escorts had to pay from 55c to depending upon the analysis the chemicals in the body of the girl friend.

Eastman warns railroads wholesale speed rivalry. Page says our needs will be first in tariff bargaining. Roosevelt scores mortgage us as he backs 5 per cent plan.

Readers, when you purchase goods advertised in these columns tell the merchants you saw it in

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