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POSTPONE HEARING ON POWER ORDER

Defendants in Johnston County Restraining Action To Answer Monday

Smithfield, Aug. 11.—Hearing on the action to restrain the Carolina Power and Light Company from constructing lines in Johnston County was postponed today from Thursday until next Monday at 10 o'clock in Clinton.

A court order obtained by a group of Johnston County farmers from Superior Court Judge Henry A. Grady last week directs the power company to show cause why it should not be enjoined from proceeding with construction of lines under a compromise made with the directors of the Johnston County Electric Membership Corporation July 8.

It also requires directors of the corporation to show why they should not be compelled to refrain from allegedly violating the trust duty as agents for the farmers of the county.

D. T. Bailey, Z. T. Talton and J. E. Woodard, Johnston County farmers who are interested in construction of the rural power lines with the loan granted by the Federal REA, secured the temporary restraining order.

The complaint alleges that the power company caused an agreement to be made which violates the rights of the members of the electric corporation and which would cause the project to be abandoned without their consent, after both the Wake County Superior Court and the State Supreme Court have vindicated its legality.

Officials of the Federal REA have given the opinion that the agreement made between directors of the power company is not valid without the consent of the members of the corporation and the REA in Washington.

EXTEND TIME FOR CANINE VACCINATION

Dr. T. O. Coppedge, Nash county health officer, today reminded all dog owners of the necessity for having their dogs vaccinated against rabies before legal steps are taken against them.

Below is the self-explanatory statement from Dr. Coppedge: "Dr. L. H. Hicks will be in Nashville, Saturday, August 14, from four until six P. M. in front of the court house for the vaccination of dogs. All dogs were supposed to be vaccinated by July 1, but inasmuch as there was some confusion about the dates, etc., we are giving a last chance to have this done. This vaccination costs 50 cents. Dr. Hicks will issue a slip for 50 cents which will be used in the payment of tax. Therefore, the vaccination will not cost anything. After Saturday the sheriff will call upon the people who did not have their dogs vaccinated in order that the law may be enforced."

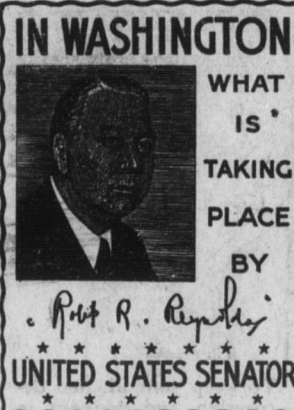
MAKES GIFT TO LIBRARY

Mrs. Nell G. Battle, librarian of the Thomas Hackney Braswell Memorial Library, announced today a handsome gift made the library by Alton G. Sadler, now of Atlanta. Mr. Sadler has donated fifty dollars for the purchase of Children's Books for the Mary Doherty Memorial section at the library, in memory of his aunt, Mrs. Sady Newby Doherty. The gift was made on the first anniversary of Mrs. Doherty's death and will contribute to a cause which was very dear to her heart.

Mrs. Doherty contributed generously to the library prior to her death last summer, and inaugurated the Mary Newby Doherty section of children's books as a memorial to her little daughter who met tragic death by accident several years ago. From time to time, always on Christmas and on anniversaries, Mr. Sadler and other members of the family have added to the collection of books which have brought widespread interest and pleasure to many children of the city.

Mr. Sadler expressed the intention of making a similar gift each year as a memorial to his aunt, Mrs. Battle has announced.

Mr. Sadler, a native of this city, now makes his home in Atlanta, Georgia, having accepted a position with Peat, Marwick and Mitchell, an outstanding firm of accountants, immediately following his graduation from the University of North Carolina in June. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science from the Department of Commercial Science, having previously received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Duke University, Durham.



There is growing appreciation in Washington for the fact that in the legislative rush to meet conditions presented by widespread employment, perhaps too little attention has been given to a constructive and permanent program for improving the status of the farmer. It has resulted in the current demand for immediate action. And there is strong evidence that it will come during the present session or at a special session in the fall.

If I may inject a personal thought into this column, I will say that if the choice were left to me, I would favor enactment of a farm program at the present session. I believe that the farmers want to plan for the future. I believe that their spokesmen are sincere and know what agriculture needs. I also believe that any program adopted should be designed to meet the needs of the man in overalls with the hoe and that it should be free from unnecessary red tape. So much for my own thoughts.

Obviously, those confronted with drafting farm legislation are faced with the nightmare of overproduction. Unlike industry, which is not seriously affected by varying weather conditions and certainly not by pests that destroy, the farmer cannot plan production to meet the demands. This has necessitated the use of Federal funds to maintain falling prices and give the farmer some income when the prices for farm commodities are below the cost of production. It is the same whether called agreements to curb production, payments for conserving the soil or whatnot.

Those who are studying the problem, and it is a real problem, are impressed by the tremendous increase in the production by agriculture. For example, according to a Federal report, in 1787, the year the Constitution was framed, the surplus food produced by nineteen farmers went to feed one city person. In recent average years nineteen people on farms have produced enough food for fifty-six non-farm people, plus ten living abroad. Productively per farm worker increased steadily, and at very nearly the same rate in agriculture as in industry during the 75 years after 1850. Between 1910 and 1930, output per worker increased thirty-nine per cent in manufacturing and forty-one per cent in agriculture.

It is reported that between 1930 and 1935, agricultural production declined more than ten per cent, due principally to unfavorable weather. At the same time, because of unemployment in the cities, two million more people were living on farms in 1935, than five years before, and perhaps an equal number of youths remained on farms who would have migrated to cities if jobs had been available.

Moreover, as mechanical power on the farm increased in the twenties, it served to not only speed up production in agriculture, but add to production through the use of land no longer needed for horses and mules. All these things have added to the problem on the farm and made it more difficult to solve, or even adjust it, through the means of legislation.

Twins Are Born Three Days Apart

The medical profession manifested widespread interest the past week in the birth, three days apart, of twins to Mrs. Virgil M. Parcher, wife of a WPA worker at Marion, Ohio. Seventy-four hours after a son was born Mrs. Parcher became the mother of a twin girl. Adding to the unusualness of the births was the fact that the young mother observed her own birthday anniversary between the arrivals of her son and daughter. She was 17 when the boy was born Monday night. Tuesday was her eighteenth birthday and Thursday the daughter was born.

COUNTIES WILL BE REQUIRED PAY SECURITY

Raleigh, Aug. 12.—Counties which accept applications for benefits under North Carolina's Social Security Act are responsible for payments of the awards, according to a ruling rendered recently by Harry McMullan, Assistant Attorney-General, at the request of Mrs. W. T. Bost, Commissioner of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

The McMullan ruling settles one of the most controversial questions that has arisen in connection with the Social Security program adopted by the 1937 session of the North Carolina legislature. Shorn of its legal language, the ruling, as interpreted by the State Welfare Department and transmitted to its county affiliates, is substantially as follows:

"If the applicant has resided in North Carolina for five years of the preceding nine, and one year preceding application, is otherwise eligible, and has legal settlement IN ANY COUNTY in North Carolina, he will receive his award from the county IN WHICH HE IS RESIDING at the time he makes his application."

"For example, an applicant has lived in North Carolina for the past nine years and during that time lived in Buncombe County long enough to gain legal settlement. In January, 1937, he moved to Pender County, and in July, 1937, made his application for Old Age Assistance in Pender County. According to the law, the Department of Public Welfare in Pender County receives his application, follows the procedure as in all other cases, and his award is paid from the Pender County-State-Federal fund."

"If the applicant has lived in the state the required number of years, but has not lived in any one county long enough to gain legal settlement, the county in which he is residing at the time of application will make the necessary investigation and presentation to the Welfare Board. Such applicant's award shall be paid from State-Federal funds through the State Board of Allotments."

LIGHTNING

Lightning blasted away the life of another young girl in Eastern North Carolina yesterday, bringing to five the two-day toll of victims claimed by jagged death from the skies.

Nine-year-old Laverne Wade, on vacation from the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh, was instantly killed while playing with friends in the yard of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Wade, near Lillington. Several playmates received minor shocks, and Mrs. Wade, who was in a nearby building, was painfully but not seriously injured.

On the previous day, four young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Hester were killed by lightning on their farm near Creedmoor. Last rites for the Hester girls will be held on the Creedmoor Baptist church at 3 o'clock today by Rev. S. L. Morgan, the pastor, assisted by Rev. C. L. Gillette of Smithfield and Rev. C. E. Baker of Durham. The W. C. Francis Choir from Oxford will sing.

Funeral services for the Wade girl will be conducted at Antioch Baptist church in Harnett County this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. M. M. Waller, Methodist minister of Marmora. She was brought to the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh a year ago following the death of her father, Herbert Wade. Her mother was killed in an oil truck crash three years ago. The little girl is survived by five brothers in Lillington and three brothers in the Orphanage.

BIRTHS ARE AHEAD DEATHS

Births Nearly Double Deaths Here In Rare Ratio Last Month

Births took a jump during July and almost doubled the number of deaths in city in a ratio rarely experienced in Rocky Mount if ever before, Miss Lizzie B. Bryan of the city health department disclosed today from her records.

There was a total of 66 births in the city to 34 deaths. Of the first figure 60 were live births, with male white babies (18) making the largest contribution. Thirty-three of the babies were white and 28 Negro. Among the Negro babies females (17) were most numerous.

Thirteen illegitimate babies were included in the births: nine Negro residents, two Negro non-residents, one white resident and one white non-resident.

Of the deaths in Rocky Mount during July 16 were of residents and 18 were of non-residents. Among the residents who died six were white most of them feminine, and 10 were Negroes, most of them feminine. Among the non-residents of the city 10 were white, most of them feminine, and eight were Negro most of them masculine.

The firemen of the state met in annual convention in Greensboro August 9-12. Some 2,000 of the fire laddies of the state were present at one of the biggest conventions ever held.

Primary Class in Gas Defense



In Japan even the children are included in the training for air-raid emergencies, and these Tokyo youngsters, some wearing improvised masks, are supposed to be extending help to a comrade felled by "gas."

The Railroad Question

Last week we had something to say about the report of the Municipal Railway Expert survey, and at the time the article was written we did not know that there would be a hearing on Friday.

However there was a full hearing on last Friday afternoon before the Aldermanic Committee, Citizens Committee, Two Highway Commissioners, T. B. Ward and Collins Barnes. Also present were the State Highway engineer and Mr. Hooper, National Highway engineer.

The Highway Commissioners state they had no money for the Rocky Mount Improvement and that we would have to look to the National Fund for the elimination of Crossings if any relief was to come to Rocky Mount in the form of widening of Streets and Moving of Passenger Station.

Mr. Hooper was called on and he stated that he had never known any of the National fund to be used for the widening of City Streets or for any other purpose but to go over the Crossing of the Railroad or under the Railroad. Upon request said he would present the matter but he certainly did not give any sanguine hope.

After hearing the whole matter, we are of the same opinion still that the only thing that the City got out of the Survey, is that it lost the underpass that the City could have gotten without cost.

But it may be possible to revive the underpass and that appeared to be the only thing the City could reasonably hope for. We do not want an overpass an underpass would be beneficial and at one time was unanimously agreed upon by the whole board.

The airship business is not profitable to the City for the trade goes over us. It might be so with the overpass.

WELCOME NEWS

Governor Hoey, according to press reports, made the statement before the County Commissioners this week, that he thought the State had gone far enough in taking over the functions and duties of the counties. WELCOME NEWS! THRICE WELCOMED! The Counties have been absolutely robbed of all control in the managements of their own business.

Sometime ago we called attention to the fact that the County Commissioners of the various Counties were only allowed to appoint the janitor of the courthouse and the keeper of the County Home, with the last appointment probably having to be okayed by the Commissioner of welfare in Raleigh. The Brookings Institution recommended that all functions of government be taken from the County, leaving only the right to employ a scavenger to take care of the refuse. This is the exact language of the Brookings Report, and the sad part about it is that the State has practically adopted a larger part of this report.

DO LOW-WAGE PLANTS HELP?

A great many of our Southern Senators and Representatives are fighting the President on the new Labor Bill. The average man is poor today in the south because the South has undertaken to operate its business and, especially its manufacturing plants, at a wage schedule that is much lower than the northern schedule. Business is generally bad in the South for three-fourths of the year. The sale of great money crops lasts about three months, leaving the balance of the year dull in business, because of the low wage schedule paid in the southern country. It is true our people may exist on a little less amount than our northern friends, since the climate is warmer but this should be to our advantage rather than our detriment. Many of the northern businesses have moved to the south, seeking low wages. Does this kind of plant add any benefits to the South, if the wages paid are so low that their employees cannot live comfortably and decently?

READY FOR LARGE SALES

Rocky Mount is looking forward to the opening of the tobacco market on Thursday, August 26. In the business world, this is the most important event of the entire year. From the news we are able to gather, this belt has a better quality of crop this year than last year, and from the press reports from the opening in Georgia and South Carolina and the border belts, we may look forward to a splendid season. Rocky Mount is wonderfully equipped to take care of the large amount of tobacco that is expected to be displayed on the sales floors of Rocky Mount. Experienced warehousemen with well-trained help and sufficient buyers anticipate fast sales with no blocked sales.

PLANS FOR LIVESTOCK SHOW HERE NEXT YEAR DISCUSSED

PRICES STILL RUNNING HIGH ON MARKETS

Border Belt Prices Run Higher Than 25-Cent Average Predicted For Opening

Tobacco prices on the 16 flour-cured markets of the North Carolina-South Carolina belt continued strong today as reports from yesterday's opening sales showed official averages better than the \$25 a hundred estimated.

Mullins, South Carolina's largest market and the largest in the belt, sold 1,047,140 pounds for \$262,359.50 an average of \$25.05.

At nearby Dillon, one warehouse reported an official average of \$28.12 and another, \$27.10, for yesterday's sales. Prices were reported equally as good today but rain reduced the volume of offerings.

Fairmont buyers paid an average of \$26.89 for 394,374 or the first day's business.

Lumberton sold an estimated 600,000 pounds today. Official figures for the opening day had not been compiled this morning.

At Timmonsville, the initial break brought an average of \$26.96. All warehouses were reported filled today.

Kingstree reported official sales of 137,500 pounds at \$26 for the opening day. More than 500,000 pounds were on the floors today, and prices appeared stronger.

Lake City sold 603,096 pounds for \$136,372.20, an average of \$22.61. M. S. Fowler, supervisor, said there was a huge quantity of common tobacco which in his opinion presented the average reaching \$25. The first day of 1936, prices averaged \$19.91.

At Darlington, the official average for the opening break was \$25.90. Prices continued steady today but the quality was inferior to yesterday's offerings. Offerings were estimated at 225,000 pounds.

Officials said they believed first sales were merely "feeler" and that farmers, assured of good prices, would begin flooding warehouse floors. The opening price exceeded by less than a cent the Georgia average.

North Carolina markets brought from Governor Hoey the comment that the crop was the best grown in recent years, judging from quality and quantity.

Growers at Chadburn, Fair Bluff N. C. and Conway, S. C., apparently were pleased with prices.

Nowhere in the belt was there a noticeable amount of tag turning.

Indications were that prices would hold their own, warehousemen said.

DR. RONEY OPENS OFFICE

Dr. R. H. Roney has recently returned from Indianapolis, Indiana, where he has been doing special study and work in chiropractic. He is one of the most eminent chiropractic physicians in North Carolina.

His office is located at 132 South Church Street, opposite the First Baptist church in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. In the professional life of the State, there is no one who has obtained a more successful career in his profession than Dr. Roney. He is a recognized authority on Chiropractic and has always enjoyed a large practice among the leading people of our state; and this section of North Carolina is fortunate in having one of the ability of Dr. Roney to locate in its midst where his professional service has always been in demand.

Foreign Demand For Tobacco Increases

Information brought back from Europe and the reports now appearing in tobacco journals are very heartening to Wake, Franklin, Johnston and Wilson county farmers since these indicate that the European demand for the finer grades of tobacco will be unusually strong this season.

More than half of certain grades of bright leaf, particularly the finer grades, is sold to European consumers. Stocks are down in Europe and retail demand is up, both of which from the basis for cheering news to local farmers.

Farmers of the eastern half of North Carolina will be invited to enter their hogs and cattle in a fat livestock show to be held in Rocky Mount next April, Erle H. Austin, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, announced today after a meeting of Rocky Mount citizens and agricultural experts of this section this morning.

A livestock development committee of the Chamber of Commerce was named, to be headed by J. C. Powell, Edgecombe county agent, and J. S. Sugg, Nash county agent. Mr. Austin was named secretary of the committee, and announced this afternoon that he has written explanatory letters to the farm agents of eastern North Carolina counties asking them to familiarize farmers in each county with the fat livestock show.

Other members of the livestock development committee named this morning by E. S. Wilkinson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, were M. E. Jones, T. L. Simmons, W. W. Eagles, F. P. Spruill, Mayor J. Q. Robinson, W. F. Woodruff, B. S. Stokes, F. S. Wilkinson, M. R. Robbins and Fred Jones.

H. W. Taylor and L. I. Case of the agricultural extension service at State College and W. V. Lewis, general livestock agent for the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, will be advisors to the committee.

The exact date and place of the show will be announced later, Mr. Austin stated, and premium lists will be issued about the first of next year. Plans are underway, he stated in letters to eastern Carolina county agents, to have stock sales after the show. Tentative rules for the show were announced as follows:

The show shall be for fat cattle and fat hogs. All hogs entered to compete for prizes must have been owned by exhibitors by January 1, 1938. All cattle entered to compete for prizes must have been owned by exhibitors by November 1, 1937. Any person farming east of and including Granville, Wake, Harnett, Hoke and Scotland counties is eligible to exhibit and compete for premiums.

Hogs and beef cattle of any breed or mixed breeding are eligible to compete for premiums. All animals will be judged upon conformation and market condition.

Hogs to be eligible must be born or gilts weighing 180 pounds and not over 250 pounds. There will be three classes as follows: Class 1.—Pen of fat hogs. Class 2.—Pen of three fat hogs. Class 3.—One individual fat hog. No hogs are eligible to compete in but one class. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry in each class. Each hog in the show is eligible to compete for champion barrow or gilt award.

Cattle classification will be:

Class 1.—Light weight fat cattle under 700 pounds will be shown at halter. Class 2.—Medium weight fat cattle 700 to 850 pounds shown at halter. Class 3.—Heavy weight fat cattle over 850 pounds to be shown at halter. Class 4.—County groups to be five cattle. This class will be made up of animals from class 1-3 and 3. The county agricultural agent shall decide which animals are to be used in making up this class. Class 5.—Champions—First and second prize winners from classes 1-2 and 3 in this class. Class 6.—Showmanship for 4-H club members and vocational agricultural students. Class 7.—Carlots, 155 head. Steers shown in individual classes are not eligible to be shown in carlot exhibits.

Judging contest—4-H club members and vocational agricultural students: Each county entering an exhibit at the fat live stock show is eligible to enter one judging team composed of bona-fide 4-H club members and vocational agricultural students. Both cattle and hogs will be judged.

All livestock entered in the show must be approved by representatives on the Rocky Mount livestock development committee.

McCloskey Proposal Reported Favorably

Washington, Aug. 11.—By a two to one vote, sub-committee of the Senate military affairs committee, of which Senator Robert R. Reynolds is a member, today reported favorably the Reynolds-Clark bill to permit General McCloskey, commanding general at Fort Bragg, to retire as a major general when he retires for age next April.

General McCloskey appeared before the committee today and will remain for a meeting of the full committee on Friday.

However, the War Department is strongly opposed to the bill and final favorable action is regarded as most doubtful.

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