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Cannons Erect Huge Warehouse

Attorney General Seeks Re-Election

REPORT FOLLOWS WITHDRAWAL FROM GOVERNOR'S RACE

**Attorney General Has
Held This Position For
The Past Four Years.**

**SENATOR McSWAIN
FROM CLEVELAND
ALSO CANDIDATE**

**Others Are Expected To
Enter Race For This Of-
fice In The Near Future.**

Raleigh, Nov. 4.—Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt will be a candidate for re-election to the position he now holds, it was announced here today.

This statement comes closely on the heels of his withdrawal several days ago from the gubernatorial contest. He had long been considered one of the outstanding candidates for governor although he had never formally announced.

Senator Peyton McSwain has announced his candidacy for the office of attorney general and several others have indicated their intention of entering the race.

Mr. Brummitt has been attorney general for the past four years. Senator Rivers Johnson has also been mentioned as a possible candidate.

Decrease Shown In N. C. Farms

According to a bulletin recently issued by the Bureau of the Census, showing both State and County Statistics, there was an increase in the number of farms in North Carolina from 269,763 in 1920 to 283,482 in 1925, but a decrease to 279,708 in 1930. The total number of farms in North Carolina includes 97,492 having from 20 to 49 acres, 72,673 from 50 to 99 acres, and 35,682 from 100 to 174 acres. There were 1,424 farms having 500 acres and over.

Of the 279,708 farms in the State in 1930 as reported in the census, 141,445 were operated by owners, 648 by managers, and 137,615 by tenants. The land in farms decreased from 20,021,736 acres in 1920 to 18,593,670 acres in 1925, and 18,055,103 acres in 1930. The value of farm land and buildings decreased from \$1,076,392,960 in 1920 to \$926,025,507 in 1925, and \$844,121,809 in 1930. The value of farm implements and machinery in 1930 was \$42,211,827 as compared with \$46,436,784 in 1925 and \$54,621,363 in 1920.

The total number of horses and colts on farms on April 1, 1930 was 86,716. The total, exclusive of colts born after January 1, 1930, was 86,377. Horses and colts on farms numbered 130,063 on January 1, 1925 and 171,436 on January 1, 1920.

The total number of mules and mule colts on farms on April 1, 1930 was 294,308. The total, exclusive of mule colts born after January 1, 1930, was 294,172. Mules and mule colts on farms numbered 279,767 on January 1, 1925 and 256,569 on January 1, 1920.

The total number of cattle on farms on April 1, 1930 was 532,631. The total, exclusive of calves born after January 1, 1930, was 467,012. Cattle on farms numbered 538,780 on January 1, 1925 and 644,779 on January 1, 1920.

The total number of swine on farms April 1, 1930 was 838,994. The total, exclusive of pigs born after January 1, 1930, was 519,714. Swine on farms numbered 871,787 on January 1, 1925 and 1,271,270 on January 1, 1920.

The total number of chickens over 3 months old on farms April 1, 1930 was 3,384,595. Chickens of all ages numbered 8,558,145 on January 1, 1925 and 7,393,161 on January 1, 1920.

GOOD MORNING

MAYBE THIS EXPLAINS IT

Gone is the lad with the gay silk shirt
And the frisky jane with a kneelength skirt—

Oh, how I hate depressions!
The streets are drab as a winter sky,
With nary a dimpled knee to eye!
Why wouldn't it sadden the gayest guy?

Oh, how I hate depressions!

It's bad enough that the stocks have flopped
And farmers moan that they're over-cropped—

Oh, how I hate depressions!
And why, when there's this to make us blue,
Do they lengthen skirts that the janes wear, too?

No wonder our hope says too-da-loo—

Oh, how I hate depressions!

Commissions study the pesky slump
To make a slim pickings grow nice and plump—

Oh, how I hate depressions!
And all forget that the slump began
When modistes fell for a dumb-bell plan

To hide janes' shins from the eyes of man—

Oh, how I hate depressions!

CUTTING OVERHEAD

A Scotch traveling salesman, held up in the Orkney Islands, by a band of pirates, "Marooned here by storm; wire instruction." The reply came collect. "Start summer vacation as from yesterday."

MAIDEN

IF LOVE were not so wicked,
How lovely it would be
For me to give a little kiss
To you—occasionally!

But ah! to kiss is wicked,
A sin, the sages say:
And so I will not fancy it
Except when you're away.

(A thing I wish to know: Are sages happy so?)

By Frederick Blankner.

ADD BITS OF INFORMATION
Not all women favor birth control,
but all of them are strongly in favor of birthday control.

ALL'S WELL

Watchman, watchman, what of the night,
What of the night to tell?

There are widows weeping, and babes afloat,
And a ceaseless burial bell.

But the hand that holds the gun
Still shakes not;

And the line drops one by one,
Yet breaks not.

Of the blood so nobly poured
There shall surely be reward.

In the name of the Lord,
All's Well!

Francis William Bourdillon.

GANDHI'S CODE

1. The service of truth as one sees it.

2. Love.

3. Chastity.

4. Restraint of the palate.

5. Abstaining from the possession of things for themselves.

6. Adherence to life's law that one's bread must be earned by the sweat of one's brow.

7. Belief that man's primary duty is to serve his neighbors.

8. Belief in the equality of all mankind.

9. Belief in the equality of all the great faiths of the world.

10. Fearlessness.

MISSING SOMETHING

Early to bed,
Early to rise,
And you will miss
The regular guys.

WATCHMAN PUBLICATION DATE CHANGED TO FRIDAY OF EACH WEEK; OTHER FEATURES ADDED

Starting with our next week's issue, The Watchman will be published each Friday morning, instead of Thursday morning, as has been the custom heretofore. This change was made in response to numerous requests from our advertising merchants and readers.

During the past few weeks, numerous advertisers have pointed out that Friday would be a better publication date for week-end specials and general advertising purposes as the largest sales are generally made on Friday and Saturday of each week. The change will also enable The Watchman to carry additional and more timely news each week.

If, as is anticipated, the change will enable The Watchman to better serve its readers and advertising patrons, then the publishers will feel amply repaid for the trouble and expense they have gone to in making the change. This change will be effective beginning with the next week's issue of The Watchman.

The two page comic section which started with last week's issue met with such a hearty welcome and outspoken

approval from our readers that the publishers are this week adding still other features of a like nature. Beginning with this week's issue the nationally famous comic strip, "The Family Next Door," will be carried as a regular feature. Other features added include "Odd-But True," "Little Pen-o-Grams," and "Do You Know?" A quarter page feature of special interest to women will be provided under the heading "Hints for the Householder," by Miss Betty Webster, one of the highest paid writers on home economics; also a special article on "The Road to Better Health," by Dr. William J. Scholes.

The special features have been added at a considerable expense to the publishers in furtherance of their desire to make The Watchman one of the outstanding weeklies of North Carolina. With this same purpose in view, as occasion arises and the growth of the paper will justify, still other features will be added.

The Watchman is grateful for the fine reception it has received during the past few months while published under new management.

LEGION COMPLETES ARMISTICE PLANS

Final plans for the celebration of the Armistice of the First World War, which will be held at the courthouse Tuesday night.

The various posts in this district, which is composed of Rowan, Davidson, Stanly, Union and Cabarrus counties, will participate in the legion festivities. Representatives from the several counties were present Tuesday night. Under a rotation plan recently adopted, the celebration will alternate between the different counties in the district.

The program for the day consists of an elaborate parade, addresses, barbecue at Soldier's Memorial Park, football game between Salisbury and Asheville highs, a district meeting, and a charity revue at the Strand theatre.

35 railroads operated at loss in first seven months of 1931.

E. F. Hutton of New York to give two weeks' food to 100,000 families.

\$106,000 SOUGHT IN DAMAGE SUITS

totaling \$106,000, for damages arising out of the death of her husband who was fatally injured on the night of Nov. 9, 1930, when his automobile was struck by a passenger train at the North Fulton street crossing.

Damages in the amount of \$71,000 are sought from the Southern Railway Company and \$35,000 from the City of Salisbury.

CATAWBA YOUTH IS HELD
Newton—Dee Combs, young Catawba county white man, is under \$300 bond for his appearance at the criminal term of superior court, meeting here November 16. He is charged with larceny and breaking and entering the C. M. Rowe department store in North Newton October 1.

Feeling of optimism reported from leading business centers.

Officials say deficit would reach \$3,800,000,000 if bonus wins.

Who's Who In Rowan

OFFICERS OF LOCAL No. 226
International Brotherhood of Boiler Makers, Iron Ship Builders and Helpers of America

W. H. Woodford, president.
B. W. Barger, vice president.
Ben Brandon, financial and recording secretary.

J. A. Bernhardt, treasurer.
J. E. Shepherd, inner guard.

TRUSTEES:

R. R. Ray.
J. E. Shepherd.

W. W. Kluttz.

SHOP COMMITTEE:

R. R. Ray, chairman.
C. E. Miller.

J. F. Kennedy.

W. E. Peeler.

OFFICERS OF ROWAN LOCAL No. 248

International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers and Helpers

A. H. Hedig, president.

A. A. Safrit, vice president.

W. F. Cauble, recording secretary.

D. J. Parks, financial secretary.

L. B. Shuler, treasurer.

H. E. Safrit, conductor.

Henry Gobel, inside sentinel.

TRUSTEES:

W. F. Cauble.

A. A. Safrit.

David Geekie.

SHOP COMMITTEE

David Geekie, chairman.

L. B. Shuler.

D. J. Parks.

OFFICERS OF DIVISION No. 375

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers

R. L. Pierce, chief engineer.

J. Wray Freeman, secretary and treasurer.

W. H. Womack, first engineer.

W. D. Hutchinson, second engineer.

W. R. Nash, guide.

H. E. Lunsden, chaplain.

TRUSTEES:

J. L. Armstrong.

W. D. Hutchinson.

W. C. Quillian.

A. R. Harrison, local chairman and legislative representative.

INJURIES PROVE FATAL

Winston-Salem—Gwynn Reeves, 17, died in a hospital here as the result of a broken neck sustained when he leaped from the top of a barn at Shoals, in Surry county. Reeves, who was attending a corn shucking at the home of his uncle, E. S. Marien, jumped from the top of the barn and attempted to turn a somersault in the air. His head struck the ground, however, fracturing his fourth vertebra. He was brought to a hospital here for treatment.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS IN BRIEF

WHISKY ARGUMENT

Elkin—Bill Jenkins, 18, was shot by E. Floyd Stanley after the two had argued over whisky. The youth is alleged to have taken a cache of liquor belonging to his assailant.

SLAYER MAKES ESCAPE

Raleigh—An unknown man who robbed Circle filling station No. 2 here and then shot to death one of the attendants, J. R. Jackson, apparently completely covered his tracks. Officers are without a clue that might lead to an arrest.

SPECIAL SESSION?

Raleigh—Governor Gardner will probably decide the latter part of this week or the first of next whether or not he will call a special session of the legislature to consider the legislation designed to help the agricultural class.

ALCOHOL CAUSES DEATH

Fletcher—Radiator alcohol, used as the principal beverage at a drinking party, caused the death of Lawrence Walker, mechanic, and Frank Whitaker is blind after having drank some of the fluid, made to prevent water from freezing in auto radiators.

\$65,000 FIRE LOSS

Lumberton—Arch Stallings is reported to have lost \$65,000 in a fire at his home.

spread to a tobacco warehouse and dwelling house. The total loss is estimated to be \$20,000. Stallings, it is said, had been drinking.

PERFECT PRISONER, MAYBE

Greensboro—Tom Batchelor, Alamance county, was not at home when federal officers went to his residence to put him under arrest. The next day he appeared at the office of the Chief Deputy Marshall and apologized profusely for the trouble he might have caused. He asked that he be taken into custody.

REVENUE COLLECTIONS GAIN

Raleigh—An increase of approximately \$1,260,000 over collections for a similar period of the 1929-30 fiscal year was reported. Collections for the first four months of the current fiscal year total \$6,264,820.89 as compared with \$5,004,957.09 for the last year.

C. L. SHUPING NAMED

Greensboro—C. L. Shuping has been named to direct the Victory Campaign of the democratic party in North Carolina. A national preparedness drive is now being organized throughout the nation under direction of John W. Davis. Democrats hope to raise \$1,500,000 in the nation.

GRAHAM INDUCTED

Chapel Hill—Frank Porter Graham, who was elected president of the university in June, 1930, to succeed Dr. Harry W. Chase, resigned, will be inducted into his office on Nov. 11. Several colleges and universities throughout the south will have representatives here.

OFFICER FIRED UPON

Greenville—An unknown man in a car which Patrol Officer E. R. Headley sought to stop for violation of the highway laws, fired at the officer. The bullet hit the siren on the front of the motorcycle and did not injure the officer.

WILL NOT RUN

Oxford—Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt has announced he would not be a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor of North Carolina in 1932 primaries. "For reasons of an entirely personal nature," a formal statement said, "I will not be a candidate for governor in the democratic primary of 1932."

WILL HOUSE ONE MILLION BALES, IT IS REPORTED

Will Cover Over Two
City Blocks In Kannapolis;
Around 50,000
Brick Being Laid Daily.

OFFICIALS DENY
CURRENT REPORTS
OF BIG PURCHASES

Claim Warehouse Will Be
Used To Store Normal
Supply; Farmers Selling
Cotton Direct To Mills.

The Cannon Manufacturing Company is erecting an immense warehouse on North Walnut street in Kannapolis, covering over two city blocks. This mammoth building will be used for the storage of one million bales of cotton, according to current reports in local cotton circles Wednesday.

The construction is being rapidly pushed, some 50,000 or more brick being laid each day. This work requires a force of more than 50 men. The building will be one story in height and is of standard construction type for cotton storage. This construction work on the part of this large concern is requiring the services of an extra shifting crew of the Southern Railway to handle car loads of materials being received daily.

existing market price. Many farmers in Rowan county are hauling this year's crop to Kannapolis and selling it to this company.

Just what the capacity of the warehouse will be is undetermined, but it is evident to the casual observer that it will house an enormous supply of cotton, as it will probably cover four acres.

Officials of the company denied current reports to the effect that the new warehouse, which is under construction, will be used to house one million bales of cotton to be purchased on the market this year.

It is stated, the new warehouse will be used to house cotton required in the normal course of the company's business.

The Cannon Mills, the largest towel manufacturers in the world, is one of the biggest industries not only in this state but in the entire country. The different plants are located in Rowan and Cabarrus counties and are considered among the largest assets listed in the two adjoining counties.

STATESVILLE COACH KILLED

Statesville—Ray Perdue, 24, Statesville high school coach, was fatally injured Friday at Taylorsville in a fight following an argument with Garfield Jennings of Taylorsville, headlinesman for a football game between Taylorsville and Perdue's team. The fatal argument started near the close of the game's first half when Coach Perdue stepped to the sidelines and protested to the referee about a decision. Jennings resented the remark, and struck Perdue in the face with his fist. Perdue dropped, unconscious. Medical aid was given at once, but he died of concussion before he could arrive here.

CHAPEL NEARLY BUILT

Durham—With the work on the magnificent new chapel at Duke university, being erected over a two-year period at a cost of two millions, entering into the final stage, hundreds of persons from many sections of this and other states are coming to see the striking edifice.

WOMAN HELD FOR MURDER

Bryson City—Molly Running Wolf, a Cherokee Indian woman, was indicted by the grand jury in the Swain county superior court for the murder of Rufe Deaton at her home last September.