

J. K. Eaves, County Native, Retires After Thirty Years As Rural Letter Carrier

With 30 years and 5 months to his credit as a rural mail carrier, J. K. Eaves left Uncle Sam's service June 30th this year and intends to enjoy the fruits of his labors for the remainder of his life.

A native of Cleveland county, this popular post office employee emigrated to Cabarrus in January of 1904 and was a successful competitor in the civil service examination for rural mail carrier for Carraker, N. C. His appointment was effective February 1, 1906, and the examination was conducted by the late George L. Patterson, a former postmaster in this city.

Mr. Eaves then started a route he served for 30 years and five months, first from the post office at Carraker, then from Harrisburg and other Cabarrus postoffices. He served under five postmasters J. W. Carraker, John Alexander, H. C. Cook, L. R. Reeder and Charlie Lee Polk.

When the Carraker post office was abandoned, Mr. Eaves' route was switched to Harrisburg, then to Loop route 2, and then to the new postoffice at Cabarrus. After he had served there for 20 years the Cabarrus office was closed and the route was switched to Midland from which office he retired last June.

Discussing his experiences, Mr. Eaves said:

"I have traveled approximately 200,000 miles. For 17 years I covered the route by buggy, horseback, cart and on one occasion by foot, because of a big snow.

"In 1906, when I started, there was only one mud-hole on the route and that was 21 miles long, or the entire route." Mr. Eaves lived to see good roads over which his route can be covered in two hours when of old it took nearly all day.

Mr. Eaves has been a lifelong Republican but has many warm friends who are Democrats. His realized ambition was to serve the public honestly and fairly by giving them the best.

Mr. Eaves has always been a member of the Methodist church. He served as a steward in his church for many years and contributed liberally in the rebuilding of the \$25,000 church at Bethel, No. 10 township. He has many warm friends on the old route, of all religious denominations and political faiths, who will miss his daily appearance.

While Mr. Eaves has retired from active duty he remains alert to the best interest of his church and community and county.

Meekins Demands A Further Check

HENDERSONVILLE, Oct. 29.—(P)—W. C. Meekins, chairman of the Republican state committee, said today he would demand a thorough investigation by the entire state elections board of alleged irregularities in absentee ballots in Henderson and Graham counties.

Meekins' statement followed yesterday's hearing conducted here by J. Harris Sample, a member of the elections board, of Republican charges that absentee ballots had been promiscuously handed out without voter applications. Meekins said the hearing was inadequate.

"We were not allowed to present verbal testimony of our witnesses," he said, "and the whole hearing took place in a casual manner which could not hope to get at the bottom of the irregularities of which we are complaining."

Meekins said he would send to Major L. P. McLendon, state chairman of the board of elections, affidavits and other evidence he said tended to show improper use of ballots.

TRUCK AND CAR CAUSE INJURIES

Shank Tipps, Toluca negro, is seriously injured in the Shelby Hospital and Woodrow Hoyle, white man of lower Burke county received scalp wounds in a wreck on Highway No. 18 between Fallston and Toluca Saturday.

Hoyle who was driving a car belonging to his brother-in-law Gene Mull, is charged for reckless driving, says State Highway Patrol Officer Marvin H. Dunn.

Hoyle's car was in the act of passing a truck when the wheels ran off the highway, travelling over 100 yards along the shoulder of the road before overturning twice. Joe Mull, 17 year old white youth, was riding on the fender of the car and was thrown a distance of about 40 feet into a cornfield. Hoyle, the driver of the car was scalped without damage to his skull.

John and Joe Abernethy, two colored men were also slightly injured.

One of the largest motion picture theaters in the world is to be constructed soon in Buenos Aires. It will have a seating capacity of 5,000, a swimming pool and facilities for bowling and billiards.

Hollywood

Sights And Sounds
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HOLLYWOOD—High society has marched in and stolen some of the lots' most eligible bachelors right from under the noses of Hollywood queens.

While studio beauties step into countless happy endings, on the screen, more and more it is the junior leaguers and the debutantes who really get the man.

When Henry Fonda left to make a film in England, Hollywood buzzed with talk of a reconciliation between him and his former wife, Margaret Sullivan—even though this was denied. Then came announcement of his engagement to Mrs. George T. Brokaw, New York widow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ford Seymour, social leaders.

Randolph Scott also bowed over the Hollywood know-it-alls with the recent announcement of his marriage last March to Mrs. T. H. Somerville (nee DuPont) of Montpelier, Vt.

Raft Falls In Line
And George Raft is scheduled to marry Virginia Pine, whose name means something in Chicago, when the present Mrs. Raft divorces him.

Society has been making inroads for some time. Gary Cooper acquired many a film beauty but said "I do" to Sandra Shaw, a minor film player better known in eastern social circles as Veronica Balfe.

Fred Astaire's film romances have all been with Ginger Rogers, but his wife is the former Mrs. Phyllis Livingstone Potter. Ricardo Cortez played opposite many attractive leading ladies—and married Mrs. Christine Lee of New York.

Director John Ranks
John Wayne, action star, has had numerous heroines—all attractive—but his real-life heroine is the former Josephine Saenz, from Los Angeles' upper crust. She is the daughter of Dr. Jose Saenz, Dominican consul.

The Baroness Josephine Van der Horck of Germany dropped her title to become plain Mrs. Donald Woods when she met the young actor at college.

Actor John Warburton and Director Lewis Milestone are other bridegroom who overlooked Hollywood pulchritude in favor of Park avenue. Warburton married Lucille Morrison and Milestone chose Kendall Glensner of New York. Stuart Erwin got both "society" and an actress when he married Dorothea Heermance, better known to film fans as June Collyer.

Scout Camp Acquires Additional Lands

GASTONIA, Oct. 29.—Officials of the Piedmont council Boy Scouts of America, Inc., have just acquired a tract of land at Lake Lanier adjoining the Piedmont Boy Scout Camp which will provide thirty-two additional acres of beautiful mountain lands to the camp. This land will largely be developed during the coming winter and spring for use next summer.

The Piedmont Scout Camp has outgrown its ability to serve the large number of Boy Scouts who wish to attend the camp each year. With the addition of this piece of property recently purchased the camp facilities will be enlarged so that more boys may be accommodated and so that a richer program may be developed.

TO ASK REDUCTION OF WORKING HOURS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—(P)—A bill to reduce the work week of railroad employees to 30 hours without a pay cut is being drafted by rail union leaders for introduction in the next session of congress.

George M. Harrison, president of the railway labor executives' association, said today that enactment of such a bill would be the only answer to the railroad unemployment problem.

Despite the revival of rail traffic, he said, about 500,000 railroad workers still were idle.

CONTINUE SEARCH FOR LENOIR BANDIT

LENOIR, Oct. 29.—(P) Search continued here today for an unidentified taxi passenger who yesterday shot Grady Foster, taxi driver, in the shoulder and drove off in the vehicle.

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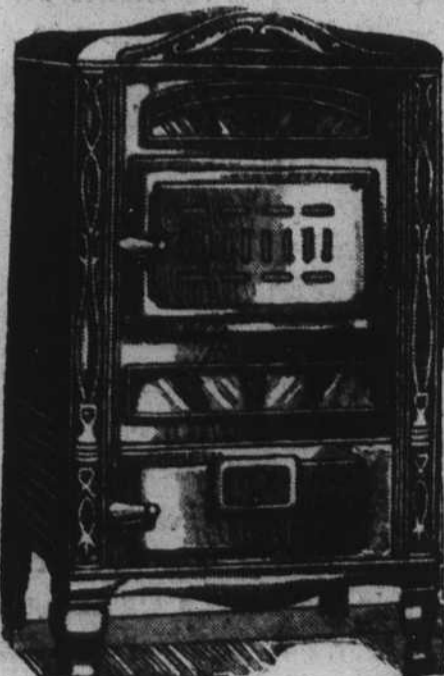
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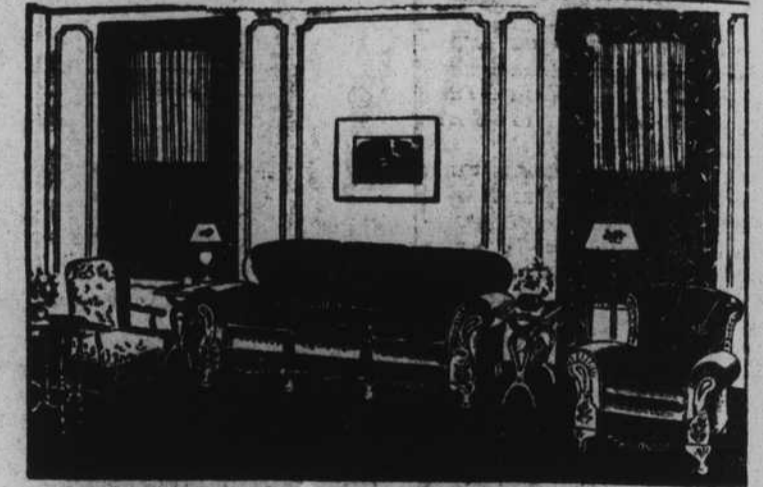
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