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WILL DENY REQUEST TELEPHONE CO. FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES

This is the Forecast as to the Corporation Commission's Action in re Southern Telephone Co. It is Also Surmised that the Commission Will Order a Reduction in Gas Rates. Lexington Methodist Preacher Is Boomed for Welfare Commissioner. Other Capital News.

Raleigh, April 1.—That the Corporation Commission will deny the application of the Southern Bell Telephone Company for a twenty-three percent increase in telephone rates throughout North Carolina and that the commission will order a reduction in gas rates is the forecast today by close observers about the capital.

Both predictions will be of interest over the State since virtually all towns and cities affected are opposing increase asked for by the telephone company as well as the temporary gas rates now in effect. The hearings before the commission have just been concluded, the telephone company concluding its evidence yesterday while the various gas companies held the attention of the commission the week just passed.

Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Raleigh, Durham, New Bern, Greensboro, Salisbury and other cities in the State are involved in the gas rate controversy and all of them are opposing the present rate which was allowed by the corporation commission as a temporary relief to the gas companies. The Southern Bell Telephone Company's operations in North Carolina makes its petition for an increase in rates, totaling 23 percent, of more than passing interest in virtually every large municipality in the State.

The commission has not indicated what its decision will be but there is reason to believe that the prediction that the paying public will be favored with decisions in each instance.

Rev. W. L. Hutchins, pastor of the Methodist church at Lexington, is being boomed as successor to Roland F. Beasley, retiring commissioner of public welfare.

Governor Morrison has been urged to endorse Mr. Hutchins who it is understood will accept since he is vitally interested in the service that would be afforded by the position. The name was handed the governor by Will W. Neal of Marion, who is in the city this week. Mr. Neal's recommendation of Mr. Hutchins is expected to have its effect since he is considered close to the executive.

At the present the work is being done by Mrs. Clarence Johnson of Raleigh. Mr. Beasley's resignation was placed in the hands of the board several weeks ago.

Governor Morrison has announced the appointment of James F. Barrett of Asheville and Dr. Jenniss Morrill, as members of the board of directors of the State School for the Deaf at Morganton. Mr. Barrett succeeds Dr. Morrill, Rev. J. O. Atkinson of Elon College. The appointment of Dr. Morrill, who is from Pitt county, gives the East recognition on the board which the governor thought it should have.

The other members of the board are as follows: W. W. Neal, Marion; J. L. Scott, Jr., Graham; W. R. Whitson, Asheville; Mrs. I. P. Jeter, Morganton; A. C. Miller, Shelby.

In the appointment of a successor to Archibald Johnson, who could have been reappointed with ease, there is seen reason to believe that the governor intends to offer the secretaryship of the North Carolina Railroad to Mr. Johnson. It may be that the offer will not be accepted but it is a safe prediction that Governor Morrison, who is a personal friend of Mr. Johnson, will tender the appointment some time in April along with the other railroad appointments.

There will be no special session of the legislature in the opinion of Governor Morrison who has told newspaper men that the suggestion that he would issue the call was "ridiculous." The governor does not see the necessity of one, and he thinks that legislators, if they were assembled, could do but little towards straightening out taxation kinks. If the regular session which recently adjourned could not satisfy all taxation "experts" in the State it is unlikely that the governor will ask them to try a second time.

Corporation Commissioner George Pell hopes to be able to announce the inauguration of a through passenger train service between Goldsboro and Cincinnati by Greensboro, Salisbury and Asheville at an early date. Only eight stops would be made in North Carolina and the trip could be made from Goldsboro to Asheville a ten hours time.

SHIPS COLLIDE AND THREE PASSENGERS REPORTED MISSING

Seattle, April 1.—The passenger steamer Governor San Pedro bound for Seattle was rammed by the freighter Westhart Land near Port Townsend about midnight during a heavy fog and sank. All of the Governor's passengers and crew were saved and are being brought here by the Westhart Land.

A later wireless reported that seven passengers and three members of the crew were missing.

The Governor carried 296 persons. The ship's boiler exploded soon after the collision. The West Hartland's bows were stove in for twelve or fourteen feet but the vessel is not leaking.

MEETING GROWS IN INTEREST DAILY

There Will be Services Again This Evening at the Memorial Baptist Church.

The Immanuel begins its annual revival meeting next Sunday. Thus far in the history of the church four of these meetings have been held. The members always look forward to them with a deal of interest. The one this year is no exception. Dr. William M. Vines of the First Church, Norfolk, will do the preaching. Dr. Vines needs no introduction to a North Carolina Baptist church. He was pastor of the First church of Asheville about the same length of time. He is a strong preacher and the people of GREENVILLE should hear him. The services will be held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and at night the song service will begin at 7:45. The meeting will continue through the 17th.

Will be Ordained. Rev. Jas. E. Holder, minister in charge of the Kinston-Greenville-Goldsboro group of colored Episcopal Missions, will be ordained to the diaconate on Sunday morning at St. Augustine's, Kinston, by Bishop H. B. Delaney. The service will commence at 10 o'clock. Several of the colored clergy of the diocese will be present. Rev. R. I. Johnson of New Bern will preach the ordination sermon. Rev. J. B. Brown of Washington will present the candidate. Rev. J. W. Heritage of Fayetteville will assist the Bishop at Holy Communion. Rev. W. M. Harper of Belhaven will preach at 3 p. m. and Rev. J. B. Brown at night.

Anti-Fly Campaign in City is To Start Monday, April Fourth

Beginning Monday, April 4th, various homes and individuals are of a practical nature; having been tried out in on other communities to the delight of all.

The fly is a recognized evil of the health of any city or community. The germ-laden insect can cause more serious sickness and do more deadly work than the average citizen can imagine. It should be the desire of every citizen within the city to have the most beautiful and most sanitary community to be found anywhere. People throughout the country are fast awakening to the problems of sanitation and health conditions and are giving their time, unthinkingly, to the success of these necessary, progressive movements.

This timely program can be made a success if every one will realize the absolute importance and give themselves, unreservedly to this end. One community word that must be embodied into every worth-while undertaking is "Co-operation." With enthusiastic co-operation permeating every citizen this movement, as well as all other civic programs can be made a wonderful success.

NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR



Lieutenant Colonel J. Mayhew Wainwright, of New York, who has been nominated to be assistant secretary of War. Colonel Wainwright is a lawyer and served on the staff of Major General O'Ryan, commander of the Twenty-seventh Division in Belgium and France.

NEW SECRETARY OF CHAMBER ARRIVES

H. L. Smith of Dublin, Ga. Arrived in City Yesterday to Assume his Duties in City.

H. L. Smith arrived in the city yesterday from his home in Dublin, Ga., for the purpose of becoming secretary of the GREENVILLE Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Smith entered upon his new duties this morning. Mrs. Smith will follow her husband to GREENVILLE later.

Prior to accepting the position as secretary Mr. Smith has been engaged in the brokerage business in Dublin and while in this business had an opportunity of studying the workings of Chambers of Commerce. He comes to city bearing with him the highest commendation. He is cordially welcomed and wished every success.

B. Y. P. U. Program. The program for the B. Y. P. U. Sunday night at the Immanuel church will vary from the former programs. Groups one and four will engage in a debate. The query is: Resolved, That the church is more important to the community than a school. Group one will uphold the school and group four the church. The new quarterlies will be distributed at the meeting. Every member is urged to be present and get his.

MRS. JAS. STILLMAN GETS HER ALIMONY

Gets Temporary Alimony of \$17,500 a Month. Wins Noted Suit Against Husband

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 1.—Temporary alimony of \$7,500 a month, \$35,000 counsel fees and \$12,500 expenses were allowed Mrs. Anna Stillman by Supreme Court Justice Morchauser in a divorce suit instituted against her by James Stillman, president of the National City Bank of New York. The justice ruled out as confidential and privileged alleged confession in a letter written to Stillman by his wife and also the letters written her by Fred Beauvais, the Indian guide who was named as correspondent and accused of being the father of Mrs. Stillman's infant son Guy.

The decision of the Justice sets forth that Mrs. Stillman pleaded recrimination in her answer and that both husband and wife made charges founded upon an allegation of adultery. If the acts and conduct as charged against each other are sustained the judge said, neither will be entitled to the decree.

ONE OF SHOW SPOTS CENTRAL FLORIDA

Is the Estate of Lue Gim Gong Noted Horticulturist. Is a Mecca for Tourists.

Deland, Fla., April 1.—Lue Gim Gong, noted horticulturist whose estate near here is one of the show places of Central Florida, has produced another remarkable variety of citrus fruit, a perfumed grapefruit which when placed in a room permeates the atmosphere with an odor unlike that of any other member of the citrus family. The horticulturist has one tree of the variety in bearing.

Lue Gim Gong is the originator of the Lue Gim Gong orange, named after its propagator, and on his estate has several trees of this variety with oranges which have been on the trees from one to three years.

Pitt County Evangelistic Notice.

Rev. Frank H. Scattergood, Evangelist. Services for Sunday, April 3rd. Pactus—Sunday school 10 o'clock. Lesson—"The Ideal Christian." The Christian Living with Others. Divine worship, 11 o'clock. Theme—"The Scriptures and the Christ."

Masons School House—Sunday School 3 o'clock.

Mr. D. C. Beach, Supt. and Team, Sermon, 4 o'clock.

Theme—"A Religion Worth While" Baptismal service at close of sermon.

Pollard School House—Sunday school 3 o'clock.

Mr. J. C. Oates and team will conduct service.

Hollywood School House—Rev. Sam Phillips and team in charge.

Sunday school 3 o'clock.

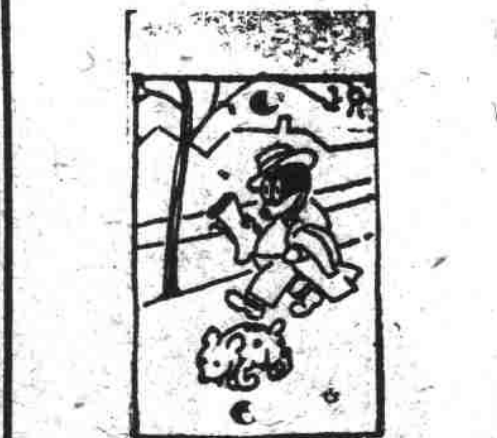
Lesson—"The Ideal Christian." The Christian Living with others.

These services are all open to the public. Don't forget that you owe it to your God to attend service somewhere on His Day. It will improve your spiritual condition.

J. W. Pugh, of Petersburg, is a GREENVILLE visitor.

Glenn Walters and W. J. Pippin, of Washington, were on our streets this morning.

Little Bruin Says



Fair tonight with frost in east. Saturday fair and warmer with south winds.

RELICTS SOLD FOR RELIEF OF FAMINE

Over \$10,000 Realized for the Sufferers in China from President's Collection.

Manila, P. I., April 1.—Auction of relics donated by President Hsu Shichang of the Chinese Republic brought in more than \$10,000 here this week for the relief of famine sufferers in China. The articles were collected from President Hsu's palace at Peking and brought to Manila by Mrs. Wallace, wife of Colonel Charles S. Wallace, chief of the signal corps, United States Army, Department of the Philippines.

A royal Bengal tiger skin, six by eleven feet, which President Hsu highly prized and which he took from the floor of the palace to add to the famine relief fund, was included in the collection. It brought \$600.

One of the most prized of all the Chinese president's gifts was a four months' old white and brown puppy, born in the palace at Peking of a strain which has lived in the royal household for many generations. The puppy sold for \$500. Many cloisonne vases, porcelains in vivid colors, ceremonial gifts, manderin coats and other articles were in the collection.

REVIVAL MEETING TO START SUNDAY

In the Immanuel Baptist Church—Rev. Dr. Vines of Norfolk, Va. Will Assist Pastor.

There was another delightful service held at the Memorial Baptist church last night and as all during the series of meetings Rev. Leland W. Smith, delivered a powerful soul-stirring sermon which was greatly enjoyed by the large congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery again delighted and captivated all by their sweet gospel music. Not only are the services at night being well attended but those in the morning as well. Increased interest is being manifested all the while. So far the meeting has been a success in every way. The members of the church have been strengthened and the community stirred. There will be services again this evening at 7:45 and tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation extended to all to attend. Come and hear good music and forceful preaching. It will do you good.

New Brokerage Firm.

Messrs. J. B. Smith and J. K. Spivey, both of this city, have formed a partnership under the firm name of Smith & Spivey Co., brokers and manufacturing distributors. They will handle, oats, hay, grain, flour, feed stuff, horse and mule feed, etc. Their offices will be located in the National Bank building. Both of these gentlemen have had years of experience on the road and are fully acquainted with the brokerage game.

Mr. Spivey has been connected with the GREENVILLE Wholesale Co., for seven years and traveling for them the past six years. He is well known among the trade of eastern Carolina and is also Mr. Smith. See their announcement elsewhere in this issue. The News speaks for the new firm every success.

COUNCIL OF EAST CAROLINA MEETS IN EDENTON APRIL 5-6

K. W. COBB NEW CLERK OF PROCTOR

Assumed His New Duties This Morning. J. Q. Trotman Goes With Construction Co.

K. W. Cobb has accepted the position as chief clerk of the Proctor Hotel under the new management. Mr. Cobb entered upon his new duties this morning and looks quite at home for he has been there before. He has been connected with the Bland in Raleigh, Ricks in Rocky Mount and for a time managed the Bertha hotel in GREENVILLE. Leaving the hotel business he entered the employ of the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., eight years ago and remained with them until some time back. The new management of the Proctor is to be congratulated in securing the services of Mr. Cobb.

J. Q. Trotman, who has been the chief clerk for some time, has resigned his position and will enter the employ of the McConville Construction Co. Mr. Trotman will be located in Farmville. He has been a resident of GREENVILLE for four years being connected with both the Proctor and Princeton. He has every wish for success in his new field of labor.

PARTY WORKERS REACH PETROGRAD

Consists of 613 Men. Hope to Overcome Present Difficulties Now Prevailing

London, April 1.—A new party of workers, consisting of 613 men have arrived in Petrograd from America, says a Moscow dispatch. At a meeting in the Palace of Labor these men greeted the Petrograd workers.

The American workers fully recognized the difficult economic situation in Russia, says the dispatch, and have resolved to devote all their fresh forces and energy to overcome the present difficulties and to establish Communism.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Holloman, of Washington, who have been guests at the Proctor, motored to their home this morning.

W. C. Cannon, of Ayden, was here yesterday afternoon on business.

George L. Jordan, of Kinston, arrived in the city this morning via the Atlantic Coast Line.

K. A. Pittman and J. B. Eure, of Ayden, are here today on business.

George T. Leach and T. R. Hodges, of Washington, are in the city.

F. H. Green, of Raleigh, arrived in the city this morning via the Norfolk Southern.

C. B. Bryan, of Falkland, is spending the day in the city on business.

Frank Judson, of Washington, motored to GREENVILLE this morning.

C. E. Ellis, of the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., is registered at the Proctor.

THE PEOPLE OF GREENVILLE

DO YOU WANT A WHITE GREENVILLE?

The Editor of THE NEWS has received numerous letters and endorsements from interested citizens concerning the suggestion of a white way for GREENVILLE.

If you are interested in GREENVILLE and want to see her have the advantages of other towns drop the Editor a line in order that this movement may be put before the people.

Let every citizen who cares anything about the progress and development of GREENVILLE speak up. This is your home and it is up to you.

MANY NOTABLE SPEAKERS WILL ATTEND SESSION

Will Convene in Thirty eighth Annual Convention in Old Historic St. Paul's Church, Second Oldest Edifice in State. One of Features of Session will be Bishop Darst's Address. Elaborate Preparations Being Made to Entertain the Council.

(By Rev. Theodore Partrick, Jr.) Edenton, N. C., April 1.—The 38th annual convention of the Episcopal Church of the diocese of East Carolina meets in old St. Paul's Church, Edenton, April 5th and 6th. The convention will open with a celebration of the Holy Communion at ten o'clock Tuesday morning, April 5th, at which time Bishop Thomas C. Darst will deliver his annual address.

The committee which has had in charge the making of the progress for the convention announces the selection of a number of interesting speakers and the arrangement of an interesting schedule of discussions. The Rev. William H. Milton, now executive secretary of the Nation-wide Campaign Department of the Presiding Bishop and Council, will make an address on Tuesday evening and will bring the Diocese a message from the national church. The Rev. Charles W. Lathrop, executive secretary of department of Christian Social Service of the national church, has promised to come for an address. A number of prominent laymen of East Carolina are on the program.

Interest will center around the address of the Bishop on Tuesday morning, as Bishop Darst will then give a summary of the work of the church during the past year. In many ways it has been a good year for the Episcopal church in East Carolina. Great strides forward have been made in the matter of the financial support of the church, due directly to the intensive campaign made during the closing months of 1919. And the increased financial support given the work of the church has been accompanied in a large measure by spiritual awakening. The Bishop is expected to cite figures to give evidence of this advance and to strike the keynote for the year 1921.

Several pre-convention meetings have been planned for Monday April 4th. The Rev. George W. Lay, chairman, has called a meeting of the department of Religious Education of the Diocese for four o'clock Monday afternoon. The Rev. J. N. Bynum, chairman of the Department of Christian Social Service of the Diocese, has arranged a meeting in St. Paul's Church on Monday evening. This meeting will be addressed by Rev. Dr. Lathrop, of New York.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese will also meet at the same time as the Convention. They will join the Convention in all of the general and devotional services, but will hold business meetings of their own. The presiding officer of the Auxiliary is Mrs. James G. Staton, of Williamston. The central service of the Auxiliary will be a corporate communion on Wednesday morning at 7:30. The Rev. F. J. H. Coffin, of Kinston, chaplain of the Woman's Auxiliary, will be the celebrant.

The fact that the convention is to be held in St. Paul's church will add greatly to the interest which will be manifested. Just two years younger than St. Thomas' church, Bath, St. Paul's is not only one of the oldest churches in North Carolina, but in the whole of the United States. The church building itself dates back to 1736, though the organization of St. Paul's parish antedates that by 35 years, having been organized in 1701. The parish has had a long and most honorable history. Many members of this parish have been prominent in the affairs of North Carolina from colonial times down to the present day. There are in the church many interesting relics of the time when it belonged to the Church of England.

Children of the Woman's Club.

The children of the fine arts department of the Woman's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. James Hines Saturday afternoon at four. All children are urged to be present.