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SHEDS LIGHT ON WEZEN HOME IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

To the Editor of the Record:

I beg to submit some observations and history relative to the fight for the position of postmaster at Hickory, N. C. Mr. W. H. Barkley obtained the endorsement of the Republican executive committee in executive session on March 23rd, 1921. About a month prior to this Mr. A. Whitener came to me and stated that he would see that I would be appointed postmaster, if I would say that I wanted it. I told him that I didn't think I could make the proper grade under the civil service rules and that my business arrangements were such that I could not consider it. On the 18th of March, 1921, I was reliably informed that Mr. Whitener and two or three others had made an arrangement to put Mr. Barkley over as postmaster; on the next morning, the 19th, I met Mr. Whitener at the corner at Lutz's Drug store and I asked him as to the truth of this agreement. He stated it was true. I informed him then and there that no man could get the postoffice by misrepresentation and that I was a candidate for postmaster from that date. About two months after this Hon. Will H. Hays gave out a ruling that postmaster appointments would be made in the following manner: "Applicants shall pass civil service examination for each office and one of the three applicants making the highest eligible grades shall be appointed and endorsements filed prior to making an eligible grade would not be considered, but endorsements filed after the applicant has been placed on eligible list would not be objected to."

About ten days after this ruling was given out the Republican executive committee was called to meet at Newton to transact such business as may come before it, and among other things, one of the acts of the committee was that they passed a resolution that no applicant for any position should be endorsed by the committee until they had made an eligible grade agreeable to the above ruling, and then only in session assembled. This rescinded any action or endorsement made by the committee prior to this date, and Barkley got cold feet and got out of the race; I stayed in, stood the examination and was placed on the eligible list, Raymond L. Hefner being the highest and Albert L. Deal next of the three of us. There has been no meeting of the committee since the list of eligibles has been made known, and H. H. Miller has no endorsement under any rights to the position any more than "Ahab's rights to Nabal's vineyard," and any man contending for such rights might well exclaim with Ahab: "Hast thou found me, O mine enemy, in the same dramatic and involuntary fashion, when their conscience is stricken by meeting a man of honest purpose and standing for a just cause. 'Justice is the supreme concern of Heaven on earth.'" declared Daniel Webster. In the vernacular Jezebel, "Pulled off a frame-up, and Miller's friends are trying to pull the same with the help of the county chairman who hasn't the moral courage to call the committee together so that the committee can pass on eligible list and make their choice of the trio. I wish to state that I have on file correspondence and I can get affidavits proving my statements or observation herein, and will only be too glad to furnish proof to any one interested as to the truth of anything in this communication.

HORACE H. ABBE.

TO REDUCE WAGES ON SHIPPING BOARD

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Reductions in the wage scales of officers and men on shipping board vessels effective February 6 amounting to 15 per cent was announced by the board today.

"I SAID IN MY HASTE"

"The Lord loves a cheerful giver." "Yes, but it just takes a woman to love a cheerful girl judging by what they marry."—Florida Times-Union.

COTTON

By the Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 25.—The cotton market sold back to nearly the low point of yesterday during today's early trading. This was due to renewed selling to low cables, the continued unfavorable news in Manchester, reported labor troubles in New England and talk that southern spinners are discussing curtailment.

| | Open | Close |
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| January | 17.10 | 17.10 |
| March | 17.25 | 17.05 |
| May | 16.78 | 16.70 |
| July | 16.25 | 16.26 |
| October | 15.74 | 15.84 |
| Hickory cotton | 16 3/4c. | |

NEGRO MUSICIANS BEATEN, SENT NORTH

By the Associated Press.

Miami, Fla., Jan. 25.—Guarded by an escort of motorcycle police, the 6 members of a negro orchestra engaged in one of the largest tourist hotels were taken this morning and placed aboard train for Columbus, Ohio.

The musicians were shortly after midnight lured to the outskirts of the city by a gang of men, which they said numbered 75, beaten and warned to leave Miami. Some of the instruments were broken up.

Police are without any clue as to the identity of the men. Several complaints had been made to the police of the action of the negroes but it was not believed there would be any trouble. It was reported that the negroes had not conducted themselves in accordance with southern customs and that the leader of the orchestra had gone on the ball floor to direct a new dance.

NEW YORK FIGHTS ANOTHER EPIDEMIC

By the Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 25.—City health authorities were today taking steps to block the further spread of influenza and pneumonia. Dr. Roy A. Copeland, city health commissioner, speaking before the Queens chamber of commerce, last night said: "Under present conditions an epidemic disease might get such a start in the congested areas as to sweep the town and killing a million. New York was worse off today than it was in the terrible epidemic of 1918 because of the housing situation."

Well, here we are back at the old stand. The Record reporter and his wife had some words and as a consequence he was not able to work yesterday. She says you know dear, I speak as I think. Yes says we, but a great deal of them. Well we sent for Doctor Menzies and had him look us over. He says your troubles are imaginary. Just think that you are well and you will be. Well says we, you just consider yourself paid. Rusk Henry went to church Sunday. He goes every year. Well Sunday the preacher was telling all about the heathen. When they got home his little son said, Daddy, do the heathens in Africa wear any clothes. No son, said Rusk. It's warm down there, and they don't wear any clothes. Well then, said son, why did you put a button in the collection plate. Bass is an easy sleeper, and is likely he won't be in the picnic because he is apt to drop off in a snooze and spoil the show. Oscar has had to bowl him out two or three times for sleeping. The other day an old friend while inhabiting of Hickory came back to visit his native land. He met Bass on the street. Bass stopped him and said, Haven't we met somewhere before. Yes said the stranger. I think we both used to sleep in the same chamber. Night before last Bass had a dream. The next morning he was up at Oma Hesters' office, bright and early. What are you doing here says Oma. Well, said Bass, I dream I was a pig, and I came to get a crown.

Speaking about wives, you remember about the time the war broke out Bob Martin got married. Well the other day Aldis Henderson was talking about Bob and the good times they used to have. Poor Bob, says Aldis. Why do you say that, says Oscar. Well, don't you remember when he got married I found the army? Yes, says Oscar, I remember. Well, says Aldis I got my discharge over two years ago. During the holidays George Bissonar was trying to sell Aldis a ring. Buy a nice ring for your girl, says Aldis. Buy one for your wife then says George. I haven't got a wife either. Well then buy one to celebrate says George. Frank says Aldis is the luckiest fellow he ever saw. He said Aldis was going to get married and didn't have the price of a horse. Today is the last day to buy your seats. Pick out a good one, and get it today. Tomorrow we will sell standing room. John Cilley said to be careful to get your own seat. He said he went to the movies the other night and it was rather crowded. Aldis he saw a vacant chair. He had his eye already on the chair and a big fat lady sat on it. Bring your supper and come early. Piss, come first served. It has been rather hard to get served at the Harry lately. The other evening J. D. took his wife over for supper. They waited and waited. At last she said to him, J. D. can't you get that waiters eye? Gosh, said J. D. I didn't know you were that hungry. "The bathing beauties arrive to-night on thirty-five."

NOTED FINANCIER DEAD IN NEW YORK

By the Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 25.—A Barton Hapburn, financier, author and economist, died here this morning. On Friday he was struck by a bus and suffered a compound fracture of his right leg, but at the time his physicians did not believe his condition serious. Yesterday he took a turn for the worse.

DOESN'T REQUIRE MUCH TIME The supper table was set, and Mrs. Professor was awaiting the arrival of her husband. "What can be keeping him so late?" she asked. "Daughter—Maybe he's been held up." "Bright Son—Well, he'll soon be here, then; that won't take long."—Houston Post.

BEGIN ARGUMENT IN CABARRUS CASE

By the Associated Press.

Concord, N. C., Jan. 25.—The ninth day of the trial of O. G. Thomas for the alleged murder on October 25 of Arthur J. Allen at Kannapolis on October 25 found counsel beginning their arguments to the jury. H. S. Williams of Concord, one of the attorneys assisting the solicitor, was the first of state's counsel to address the jury, his argument beginning at the opening of court and continued most of the forenoon.

He is to be followed by the first defense lawyer, John J. Parker of Monroe. Ten speeches will be made before the charge is delivered to the jury by Judge J. Bis Ray, presiding and at least two whole days are expected to be consumed in arguments.

BOARD DIRECTORS IN BUSY SESSION

In spite of several other meetings slated for last night seventy-five per cent of the entire board of directors attended the Chamber of Commerce board meeting. In the absence of president George F. Ivey, who is away on a business trip to New York, J. A. Moretz called the meeting to order and led the discussions.

After the secretary's report of the traffic department's success he read a letter from J. O. Walker, mayor of the city of Charlotte, assuring the shippers of dressed meats to the Charlotte market fullest cooperation in the matter of meat inspection. It was brought out that several officials of the Southern Railway Company with an engineer will be here in a few days to survey for additional train tracks and private sidings to be put on Tenth avenue south. The freight situation also came under discussion and a letter was read from the Interstate Commerce Corporation pointing to a complete revision of all freight rates in the southeastern territories. A special committee was created to deal with Referendum No. 38 of the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S. A., on the question of national legislation for the world war veterans. This committee is composed of Geo. W. Hall, L. F. Abernethy, and Secretary Van Herve, and were instructed to study this problem with power to vote on behalf of the organization.

Secretary Van Herve was instructed to attend the semi-annual conference of the secretaries of chambers of commerce of this state at Winston-Salem on Friday and Saturday of this week, and make every effort to bring the next session of this organization to Hickory.

An appeal from Secretary Miss H. M. Berry of the North Carolina Good Roads Association for renewal of membership by the Hickory Chamber of Commerce in that organization met with instantaneous approval and the secretary was instructed to renew the subscription for the current year. The question of a public camp ground came in for considerable discussion both by members of the board and visitors. Finally it was decided to lay the matter before the American Legion Amusement Company with a recommendation of nominal camping charges to be made in return for services rendered. The hotel committee made its final report and it was decided to invite Frank B. Simpson of Raleigh to address a future meeting on this subject. Every member of the board present took active part in the different deliberations brought to their attention and it was almost ten o'clock before the meeting adjourned.

WARRANTS ISSUED FOR RALEIGH MAN

By the Associated Press.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 25.—Two warrants were issued today for the arrest of Norfleet Stronach, prominent young business man of Raleigh, on charges growing out of an automobile crash last night on Hillsboro street which resulted in the almost instant killing of Harry Pool, local insurance man, who was in the car with Stronach.

One of the warrants charges Stronach with manslaughter and the other with operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor. Stronach stated last night shortly after the accident, according to published reports, that Pool was driving the car when it struck a telephone pole, almost completely demolishing it.

BURLEY GROWERS TO BEGIN SELLING

By the Associated Press.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 25.—With the initial financial needs of the recently organized burley tobacco growers' cooperative association were subscribed by more than a million dollars, the officers and more than 59,000 members are preparing for the opening of the warehouses tomorrow when the tobacco pledged by the association will go on sale for the first time this season. Other warehouses will open Monday.

Unpledged tobacco has been on the market for some time and has brought prices higher than last season.

The burley association comprising the blue grass region of central Kentucky and several counties in eastern Ohio and West Virginia.

DECLARES OFFICER KILLED A SOLDIER

Washington, Jan. 25.—Resuming its inquiry into Senator Watson's charges that American soldiers were illegally executed in France, the senate investigating committee was told by Henry Gentry, negro of Florence, Kans., that in France he saw Maj. Joseph Phillips, of Orange, N. J., shoot William Patterson, a negro private, for refusing to help a cook.

The hanging of a negro soldier at Belleville, France, was described by Col. Peter Barney of the army war college who said the court martial was composed of seven negroes and five white men and a negro as judge advocate.

Editors in favor of Ford's offer

Washington, Jan. 25.—Support for Henry Ford's offer for Mussel Shoals was announced today by the group of agricultural editors represented at the conference.

A committee consisting of Carl Williams of Oklahoma City, chairman, Herbert Lowry, Massachusetts, Samuel Adams, Illinois and Clarence Poe of North Carolina was appointed to see Secretary Weeks.

Hickory Rotarians enjoy inter-city meet

Hickory Rotarians who attended the inter-city meeting of Rotary clubs in Charlotte yesterday report an unusually entertaining and helpful occasion. Addresses were made by Governor Morrison, who urged the production of home supplies, and Lewis W. Perrin of Spartanburg, past district governor, and others. Salisbury won the attendance trophy and Gastonia was awarded the honors for pulling the best stunt.

Rev. Sam. B. Stroup played the principal role in the stand pulled by Hickory Rotarians. This is described by the Observer, and the fact that Mr. Stroup is a minister fooled them all, including some of the locals. Of it the Observer says:

"The Hickory stunt was dramatic and spectacular. One of the Hickory Rotarians out in the audience suddenly had an attack of pain in the head, collapsed to the floor and had to be carried from the hall. He was brought on to the stage on an operating table and a surgical operation performed. Out of his head nine great wooden Rotary wheels were taken, these being very neat and attractive, painted in the Rotary colors, having been made by the Piedmont Wagon company. The wheels were about three feet in diameter. One wheel was given to each of the nine clubs present. It was explained that the Hickory members who had been the subject of the operation had been suffering from 'wheels in his head' ever since he became a Rotarian."

ORGAN RECITAL

Professor Wolf, of Concord, will give a recital on the new pipe organ just set up by the M. P. Moller Company of Hagerstown, Md. Thursday evening, Jan. 26th, at 7:30 o'clock, in St. Andrew's Lutheran church, Lenoir College campus. He will be assisted by Miss Wamamacher of the college faculty, and Messrs. Tickle and Lippard, students of the department of voice. All who are interested in music are invited to attend. A silver offering will be received.

DRAW CONTRACT FOR HIGHLAND WATER

By the Associated Press.

City council last night entered into a contract with the town of Highland to furnish it water for the next five years at 30 cents a thousand gallons and agreed to renew the contract at its expiration on terms to be agreed to by the governing bodies of both municipalities. In the agreement, the city of Hickory will look after the water mains, make the connections, keep up the hydrants and the like, inasmuch as Hickory already has the organization necessary and can do it cheaper than Highland.

Two meters—six inch and the other six inch—will be installed and the town of Highland will pay the water rent on the fifth of each month, making the collections from its customers. It is believed that Highland citizens can be furnished water for 22 cents a thousand gallons, a rate about equal to that paid by Hickory consumers.

Mayor Robinson and the Highland board tentatively approved the terms of the contract, which were drawn up by Richard H. Stanford, attorney for Highland, at the suggestion of the Hickory council, and ratification is a mere formality.

City Manager Henry explained to council that the overhead in the waterworks department remains practically the same whether the pumps are forcing 200,000 gallons a day or 500,000 and that any profit made must be on the volume of business. Under the contract Hickory also will furnish water in case of fires in Highland, but is not liable for damages in case it is unable to do that. The contract will be in operation about April when the Highland system is installed.

John W. Ballew, appearing for a number of property owners on the south side of North avenue, sought and obtained permission for the Southern Railway Company to cross Fifteenth street with a track to be used as a private siding for waste-sale houses to be placed on the lots there. The siding, Mr. Ballew said, would about hit the porch of the old Cine house on the avenue and would be on railroad property. The track will be on the road's right of way and permission was sought for it only because it is to be used for private purposes. Mr. Ballew said construction of warehouses would begin at once.

PRESENT BONUS BILL IN TWO WEEKS

Washington, Jan. 25.—Assurance that the permanent tariff bill will be reported to the senate early in February and passed before the close of the present session was given by Republican leaders of the house at a conference today.

Agreement was reached at the conference that the proposed soldier bonus bill should originate in the house. House leaders said they would have the bill ready in two weeks.

MINSTREL SHOW TOMORROW NIGHT

Dress rehearsal for the Rotary minstrel to be given in the auditorium tomorrow night will be held at 7:30 tonight and the actors in what promises to be a roaring success will have their parts down well. A short rehearsal was held last night.

Tickets for the show, which is to be given for the benefit of boys' work, are selling rapidly and the auditorium is expected to be crowded from top to bottom. The Rotarians hope to be able to assist the boys from time to time in going to college.

But the show tomorrow night, as the press agent has indicated from time to time, will take thoughts off business matters, make everybody happy and show that a local minstrel can score a million points.

Clonchiasis is a new disease said to have been imported from China. If they're going to keep that door open, for Heaven's sake give 'em a screen.

Something to worry about. When Ford starts making flippers of cotton we'll have to take out boll-weevil insurance on the blooming things.—Nashville Tennessean.

CERTAINLY NOT "Was that your wife I saw you with last night?" "I should say not! That was a friend of mine."—Houston Post.

PARKER DEFENDS AGRICULTURAL MEETING

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Governor Parker of Louisiana departed from his prepared address at the national agricultural conference today to take notice of the discontent expressed in some quarters over the work of the conference. Declaring that he believed the president and Secretary Wallace acted in the best interest of the farmers, Mr. Parker said: "Yet you hear it whispered all around that this is a hand-picked, cut and dried performance. I hope there is no foundation whatever in that rumor."

Governor Parker declared that he believed the delegates were here to solve intelligently and patriotically the problems confronting the farmer and praised President Harding and Secretary Wallace in selecting Democrats of the south to sit with Republican patriots of the north to solve the problems that confront agriculture.

Chairman Anderson, following Governor Parker, declared that the conference had been called in some haste and that Secretary Wallace had given consideration to all geographical groups in the limited time at his disposal.

American agriculture as a whole could profitably study the factors that have contributed to the prosperity of California, G. Harold Powell, general manager of the California fruit growers exchange, declared in an address before the conference. Mr. Powell declared that cooperative marketing success depended on the will of the farmer to cooperate and a spirit of individual trust between those engaging in the venture. He said that cooperative agencies should be managed exclusively by farmers. He advocated the payment of only a fair rate of interest on the capital stock and that voting power in the corporation be appointed on the one-man-one-vote principle.

Pointing to the handling of more than \$50,000,000 worth of cotton this season by four state cooperative marketing associations of cotton growers, Carl Williams, president of the American cotton growers association, declared that these organizations are well on the way towards becoming permanent institutions in the south. He predicted that these organizations would handle more of the 1922 crop and now had two million bales pledged to them.

FORMER PRESIDENT OF ERSKINE DEAD

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 25.—Dr. J. S. Moffatt, until recently president of Erskine College at Due West, S. C., and one of the prominent men in the Associated Reformed church, died here today.

CHECKER ARTISTS ARE ENJOYING TOURNAMENT

Hickory has been in the throes of a checker tournament since Monday evening when Paul Joines of North Wilkesboro, traveling salesman, finished his work at Newton and came here to sell his goods and enjoy himself in play. All the better players in Hickory have been met by Mr. Joines with the exception of Tom Boatright and Tom is due to get his this afternoon. He wants it.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Joines took on F. M. Thompson for an hour and a half and according to reports won 14 and lost three. Mr. Thompson was not entirely satisfied and Mr. Joines held another session today, the game breaking up at 1:30. Uncle Jeff, who got three draws and lost three games in play with Joines, said Thompson was satisfied.

Last night the invader tackled Dr. R. H. Rowe in his office and quite an audience assembled to watch the game and make comments. Mr. Joines got 19 and Dr. Rowe seven. It was reported, quite a number of games resulting in draws. Eugene Burns says he got on to a lot of new moves since Mr. Joines came to the county and he talks like he might make checkers his principal business.

Lee Person, whom the boys call preacher, and who taught the younger element the rudiments of the game, would never have been satisfied unless he had been allowed a chance at the invader. In Lee's words, "he came, I saw, he conquered."