

NEW ELECTRIK MAID BAKESHOP OPENS.

Lincolnton Now Has An Electric Bakery In Operation by Messrs. Womack—Turning Out Crispy Top Bread At Rate of 120 Loaves Every 48 Minutes—Can Feed This Territory.

The new electric bakery for Lincolnton is now a reality. It is now in operation daily. This is an industry that deserves the patronage of the people of this section, and no doubt will receive it. The proprietors have brought to Lincolnton the latest in the bakery business—an electric outfit throughout.

The output, at full capacity, is 120 loaves of crispy bread every forty minutes. Hot rolls, pies, tarts, etc., will also be product of the new bakery.

The new bakery was installed by Mr. Wm. Jerabek, of St. Paul, Minn., who will remain with Messrs. Womack for several days, operate same and assist the regular baker in getting on to the curves of the latest bake shop.

The first two days of operation turned out a variety of pastry products, and many have already begun eating Lincolnton bread.

Friday night a large number attended the opening, and sampled the rolls, pies, tarts, bread etc., and all declared these delicious.

Messrs. Womack will continue their grocery business in addition to the baking business.

Success to Lincolnton Elektrik Maid Bake Shop.

MARSHAL FOSH AT MONROE

Marshal Fosh will pass through Monroe next Friday at 7 o'clock on his return to Washington from a tour of the United States. Monroe will be the only stop in this state and great preparation is being made at Monroe in honor of the general.

COLUMBIA LAND BANK NEARLY OVERWHELMED

Washington, Dec. 1.—Senator Simmons has received a letter from A. F. Lever, member of the farm loan board, stating that the Columbia farm loan bank has been overwhelmed with business. He wrote in reply to a request by Senator Simmons about the causes of delay. Mr. Lever said:

"You will recall that I explained to you personally some six weeks ago the situation in the third land bank district, of which North Carolina is a part. At that time I pointed out that when the system began loaning operations, after our bond sale in May, the Columbia bank, contrary to the general policy suggested by the farm loan board, to the presidents of the federal land banks of the country, threw its doors wide open to receive applications, with the result that in a few weeks the executive committee of the bank, which must pass upon each application in detail, was literally overwhelmed with applications.

"A jam followed, which they have been struggling earnestly to break. From recent reports I am glad to think that they are beginning to see light. This does not mean that every individual who has made application will be immediately served. It does mean, however, that in every association in the district there will be some loans closed, and to the extent of the loans closed a measure of relief afforded to the communities.

"I think I should say, in fairness to the officers of this bank, that I personally know that they have been exerting themselves to the very limit of their physical capacity, and this has resulted in the Columbia bank closing more loans during September and October than any bank in the system, and while we have not yet received the November report, I am sure I am safe in saying that there has been no let up in their endeavors.

"I am taking the liberty of forwarding your letter to M. Houston, president of the bank, for his information."

RAT KILLING CONTEST IS PUT ON AT BELMONT

Belmont, Dec. 1.—The rat-killing contest put on here by the Belmont Merchants' association closed Saturday with Master Leonard Armstrong winner of the \$5 prize given by the association, with a record of 73 rat tails.

Fifty hundred and seventy-three rats were killed in the campaign, which, at the government figures of \$1.87 for the value of property destroyed by a rat in one year, places the amount saved to the community by the rat extermination of over \$135 for the next year.

Twenty-five other children received substantial prizes offered by the Belmont merchants.

IRON STATION ITEMS OF NEWS

Iron Station, Dec. 3.—Iron Station school with an enrollment of ninety-five is progressing nicely, under the management of Miss Ina Morrison of Statesville and her assistant teachers Misses Martha Sherrill from Lincolnton and Ruby Heafner of Crouse A club has been organized with twenty-one members, Mrs. D. B. Rhyns, President and Mrs. Lee Dellinger Vice-president.

The school gave a box-social several weeks ago, the proceeds of which amounted to nearly seventy dollars, this money will go toward improvements for the school.

The Community Center Club is planning to hold a Mock Fair at the school house some time soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Porter moved to Charlotte last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Homrick and family will leave Monday for Charleston, S. C., where they will reside.

Messrs. Jessie and Adell Bridges from Charlotte spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bridges.

Mrs. Powell, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Alex Elrod will leave in a few days for her home at Patterson.

Mr. George Howard was a Charlotte visitor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mullen and family of R. 1, has moved into the home recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hamrick.

Mr. S. M. Mundy is spending several days in Charlotte on business.

BIG FORGERY SCHEME STARTLES SPARTANBURG

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 1.—The most gigantic forgery scheme in Spartanburg police annals was unearthed this morning when employees in the office of Crews, Ligon and company, cotton brokers, discovered that the office had been burglarized and approximately 50 checks forged. The checks were made payable to various individuals and were given realism by means of a check protector. The checks were for \$350 and \$360 each, it is believed by the police, who have in their possession 13 of the forged checks evidently left behind by the forger. The checks are on two banks of Spartanburg, the American National bank and the Central National bank.

The thief entered the office by means of a key, and tore from a check book of the Central National bank checks from 462 to 501, and from the American National bank checks from 904 to 913. The 13 checks found were made on the check protector, and bore the names of different parties.

Banks in nearby towns have been notified of the theft of the checks and the forgeries, and it is hoped that some of them will be detected and will lead to the apprehension of the guilty party.

NORTH CAROLINA FIVES SELL FOR BIG PREMIUM

Raleigh, Dec. 2.—North Carolina fives were sold this evening in the wholesale lot of \$3,872,000 for 102 1-2 the best premium for North Carolina paper in years.

Treasurer Lacy "Jewed" the New York brokers up from 102 which the council of state would have accepted but for the faith of Mr. Lacy. Governor Morrison was wonderfully set up at the salesmanship of his treasurer.

MR. HOEY ARGUES FOREST CITY SCHOOL HOUSE CASE

Attorney Clyde R. Hoey returned yesterday from Raleigh where as attorney for the School Board of Forest City he argued the case on appeal to determine whether the board of aldermen or the School Board of Forest City will build the new school building. A bond issue was voted for a handsome building and after the sale of bonds, the aldermen refused to turn the money over to the School board to supervise the erection of the building. There is and has been some feeling between the two boards and when the aldermen refused to turn over the bond money to the school board, a restraining order was secured in which Judge Shaw held that the school board had a right to supervise the erection of the building. An appeal was taken by the aldermen and a decision is expected shortly from the Supreme Court which will determine the board that will supervise the construction. There seems to be no difference between the boards as to the location or place of the building.—Shelby Star.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Prime Minister Lloyd George, it was learned this afternoon, is definitely planning to leave England for the United States December 12 to attend the Washington armament conference.

TEN CHILDREN DIE IN CROSSING WRECK

Red Bluff, Cal., Nov. 30.—Ten high school students were killed today south of here at the Probert Crossing when Southern Pacific train No. 15, southbound, struck the high school automobile bus in which they were riding. Four children and the driver were injured.

The bus, enroute with children to school, had suffered an accident and was behind schedule. Two drivers were sent from the high school to bring it in. Another bus crossed ahead of the train, but this one, following closely behind in a dense fog, was struck squarely and hurled into a block signal. Enclosed in the car, the children were unable to escape and their bodies were hurled in all directions.

NEW RULES FOR SHOP EMPLOYEES.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Economic in operation and increased efficiency estimated to reach \$50,000,000 a year, and recognition of the "open shop" on all American railroads were forecast tonight in the promulgation of revised working rules governing railroad shop employes by the United States Railroad Labor Board.

The new rules become effective tomorrow, December 1, and take jurisdiction over approximately 400,000 men, immediately, although a still larger number will be affected when the normal traffic conditions are restored.

GARRETT PLAYS G. O. P. RECORD

Charges "Disgraceful Failure" During Extra Session.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The record of the republican party in the extra session of Congress is described as a "disgraceful failure," by Representative Garrett, of Tennessee, acting democratic leader of the house, in a statement to appear in the Congressional Record tomorrow. Although the Congress is not in session, it will issue an "extra" of the record to accommodate the many members who desire to "revise and extend" their remarks of the "last few days of the session."

Mr. Garrett in his statement, calls the tax law a "makeshift thing for which none should care to take responsibility."

Replying to the republican claims of achievement, made by Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, the party's house leader, Mr. Garrett says that "all of the legislation that was good was non-partisan, presented as such, discussed as such and passed as such."

"Upon those matters of vital concern to the country, upon those which the party in power had promised relief," he continues "there has been a disgraceful, a distressing, and, what is destined to be of that party, a disastrous failure."

Mr. Garrett quotes the words of Senator Penrose, republican, Pennsylvania, made in connection with the consideration of the tax bill in the senate, that the measure did not place the tax system of the country on a stable basis, and inquires when the country can expect something of a permanent nature.

"In their clamor for an extra session in 1919," says, "for the alleged purpose of tax revision; in their delay of two years and eight months in attempting such revision; in the crassness and bungling apparent in the making of the thing thus passed, the republican party is confronted with two alternatives:

"If their clamor for the extra session of 1919, and their failure after having it to take action, was in order that the people might become rebellious and resentful under the war tax burden, and so vote for a change in executive administration, then the party stands, convicted of resorting to methods violative of all the ethics of statesmanship and they should be turned from power.

"If, on the other hand, they have done their best; if they have believed themselves to be honest and conscientious; if they have really tried to provide a tax measure which will give relief to business and to distribute taxation equitably, then they stand convicted of stupidity and utter incompetency."

NEGROES FLOGGED BY PARTY OF ROBED MEN

Denison, Texas, Dec. 1.—Three negroes were flogged by a band of robed and hooded men Thursday night, it became known today when they reported the affair to the police. They were told to convey a warning to negroes here not to mingle with the whites, according to the stories told the police. One of the alleged victims, 75 years old, was seriously hurt. The negroes said the white-robed men told them that they were members of the Denison Klan of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

THROUGH LINCOLNTON IS SHORTEST ROUTE

The Highway from Charlotte to Blowing Rock, if routed by Lincolnton to Morganton via the three counties corners would be considerably shorter according to those who have made calculations. There is now a sandlay road in Lincoln County from Lincolnton to Ben Sain's place in North Brook and Lincoln County is now having the stretch of road surveyed from Mr. Sain's to the Burke line, a distance of 2 1-2 miles, and when this road is finished to the Burke line, and Burke connects with it the shortest route from Charlotte to Blowing Rock which is by way of Lincolnton and Morganton will be open to the public. Lincolnton will soon have the remaining 2 1-2 miles in shape and it will then remain for Burke county to take steps to put the road through that County. This matter is being discussed in the Morganton News-Herald. That newspaper says:

"Recently there has been much said about the building of a highway from Charlotte to Blowing Rock by way of Maiden, Newton, Hickory, Lenoir. There is no objection from this quarter to the building of that road. We want to see all the good roads built that can possibly be constructed, connecting every nook and corner of our great State.

"In speaking, however, of a route from Charlotte to Blowing Rock the shortest and most practical way seems to have been quite overlooked. Possibly that is because few people realize that it is eleven miles nearer from Charlotte to Lenoir by way of Lincolnton and Morganton than by Newton, Hickory, etc.

The people of Lincolnton are interested in this route and we are sure that Morganton citizens will be glad to co-operate with them to put it through.

"Evidencing the interest in Lincolnton the editor of The News-Herald has received a letter from the secretary of the Lincolnton Chamber of Commerce in which he says in part: 'I have just had a talk with our road superintendent and he states that we now have a road within two miles of the Burke line and that Lincoln county could easily fill in that gap.'

"He has been over this proposed route and says that the plan is perfectly feasible. The distance to Morganton from Lincolnton would be reduced 11 miles according to his speedometer, as compared with the route via Maiden, Newton and Hickory. You will agree with me that this will be a considerable saving and Colonel Harris, of the Observer, ought to be delighted on account of shortening the route to Blowing Rock.

"It seems from this conversation with the road superintendent that Burke also has a road leading south that would connect with ours with the exception of one township."

THE NEW ROUTE TO LENOIR

Charlotte Observer.

The Morganton News-Herald is disposed to wonder why the people of Charlotte should center their attention on the old route to Lenoir, when, by coming to Morganton through Lincolnton, they will save a distance of 11 miles." This appears to be true, but the old-established lines have been up to this time the only roads in a good and an inviting condition. However, the road recently built from Lenoir to Morganton, a distance of only 15 miles, has altered the situation somewhat and no doubt when all roads are good a considerable amount of travel will go through Morganton. The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce is boosting the new route and has secured the active interest of Morganton. There is at present a gap of two miles in the Lincoln section of highway to Morganton that needs filling in and then the route by Morganton may prove an inviting proposition.

(Note: The Lincoln Commissioners have already ordered the stretch in Lincoln surveyed and put in good shape, thus completing a good road to the Burke line.

CONFERENCE LEADS TO NEW STAGE DESCRIBED AS "VERY FAVORABLE"

Washington, Dec. 2.—A new stage in the negotiations over the question of naval ratio described as "very favorable," is understood to have been reached at tonight's conference between the representatives of the United States, Great Britain and Japan.

After the conference between Secretary Hughes, Admiral Baron Kato and Arthur J. Balfour was concluded, the Japanese delegation immediately began communicating with Tokio.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Nov. 25.—Wm. F. Buckley, president of the American Association of Mexico, expelled from that country, crossed the border at Laredo this morning, according to information received by relatives and friends here.

FARMER'S UNION MEETING ON DEC. 17TH.

There will be a meeting of the F. E. & C. J. of A. held at the Farmer's Union Warehouse, Lincolnton, N. C., on the 17th day of December, 1921 at 2:00 p. m.

At the last County meeting there was a Resolution passed instructing the secretary to give notice to the locals through the County papers, to hold meetings prior to the 17th and appoint delegates to said meeting. Among important matters that will be considered, will be: the election of County Officers of the union, for the coming year, and the changes made in the By-Laws by the recent State Convention, which changes it is necessary that each local understand.

Members as well as delegates are most cordially asked to attend.

B. C. Wood, Co. Sec.

COME! COME! COME!

To the Fair! To the Fair!
There'll be fun and to spare!
On the "Pike" there'll be singing.
That will set you all a-tangling:
In a Lant Dame Fortune will await you
For to tell you all your future;
In the "Zoo" there will be—
But WHAT you'll wait and see;
To the Lunch Booth you should hire
And have a chance at that "Wonderful Pie";
These are but few
Of the many things we will do—At THE FAIR.

"Only Ten Cent" will admit you
To this place of fun and folly.
We of Iron Station invite you
To join with us and be jolly.
One the evening of December the 10th.
We inform you all herewith,
At about the hour of eight
By the "rate" we'll wait;
We'll conduct you through the ways
Of this funny "Mystic Maze."
Come and bring your pocket-book,
Help improve our "School Ground" looks.

There'll be fun and to spare
At the Fair! At the Fair!
Come! Come! Come!

PLAY AT ASBURY SCHOOL

There will be a play given at Asbury school by Maiden high school faculty, Wednesday night, Dec. 7; Play Entitled: "Bashful Mr. Bobs". Admission 25 and 35c.

GAINSVILLE CLUB

With an almost full attendance of club members Gainsville Community Club met Wednesday afternoon Nov. 23, at the home of Mrs. H. K. Sullivan.

After a few songs, Mrs. Nina Cornwell, resident of the club presented to Mrs. Florence R. Winn, our esteemed Home Demonstration Agent, a handsome traveling bag, as a token of the love and appreciation of the club members who each contributed to the purchase of the bag. The meeting adjourned saddened by the thought of losing Mrs. Winn, who resigned effective, December 1, 1921.

The members departed each wishing her much success and happiness in her future work.

MARSHMALLOWS

1 Envelope of Knox Gelatine, No. 1; 18 tablespoons cold water; 2 cups Granulated sugar; A pinch of salt; 10 tablespoons hot water; Pulverized sugar; Flavoring.

Add cold water to gelatine and allow to stand until water is absorbed. Put sugar in sauce pan and add hot water and salt. Let boil until it forms a soft ball when dropped in cold water. Remove from fire and add gelatine gradually and stir until gelatine is dissolved. Let stand until lukewarm, then beat until it will barely settle into a smooth sheet, which dropped from beater.

Pour into a pan that has been freely dusted with powdered sugar. Let stand until firm. Turn out on board dusted with powdered sugar. Cut into squares and roll in powdered sugar.

Add flavoring to suit taste when beating.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 1.—Proceedings for the recovery of property valued at \$15,000 were started in the Fulton county superior court today by E. Y. Clark, imperial kiegale of the Ku Klux Klan, against Harry E. Terrell, of Atlanta, grand goblin of the goblin of the "capital domain," of Washington.

Statesville, Dec. 1.—David R. Howard, aged 75 years, a prominent citizen of Iredell county, died at the home of his son, B. C. Howard, Wednesday morning, in Chambersburg township. He had been in failing health for some time and his death was not unexpected.

Rutherfordton, Dec. 1.—The Thomas Justice triplets, three little girls, were carried to the Salvation Army hospital in Greenville, S. C. recently and are doing well. It was the mother's dying request that they be never separated. They were born here on October 1, but the mother died.

2 MILLION DOLLARS IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Raleigh, Nov. 30.—With the awarding of two million dollars worth of road contracts for construction and bridge work in the fourth, fifth and sixth districts, the state highway commission has over twenty million dollars worth of roads completed, under construction and under contract. The roads completed approximate a hundred miles of hard-surfaced and over 350 miles of gravel or other than hard-surfaced roads.

The unusually heavy amount of grading necessary for the construction of some of those roads in the Piedmont section of the state caused some advance in the cost per mile of the contracts on which awards were made on Wednesday morning. A large portion of the construction of roads for which these contracts are let is made possible through which the roads will run. The counties are making available for use by the highway commission of special bond issues and road funds of the counties. This money is loaned without interest and will be paid back when the commission gets a sufficient amount of money with which to make payment. The counties simply shift the responsibility of building the roads to the highway commission.

The total amount of contracts awarded today following the opening of the bids Tuesday, when there were 82 bidders for the six projects, totaling about 70 miles of road, amounted to \$2,072,178.03. Of this amount \$1,239,726.24 goes to the construction work in the sixth district.

The awards follow:

Iredell county—Statesville to Shepherds 10 1-2 miles hard surfaced to R. M. Hudson, Salisbury for \$332,544.54. Bridges to Luton Bridge company for \$19,681.30.

Mecklenburg county—Charlotte towards Statesville 8.84 miles hard-surfaced to Union Paving company, Philadelphia for \$269,940.90; bridges to Luton Bridge company, Knoxville for \$10,724.99.

Mecklenburg—Charlotte towards Concord 1.57 miles hard-surface to Speed-Parker company, Louisville for \$51,083.30.

Gaston—Gastonia to Cleveland county line 8.5 miles hard-surface to Devis Wilcox Construction company, Spencerville, O., for \$265,335.10.

Catawba county—Newton to Burke county line 10.58 miles hard-surface to Union Paving company for \$322,440.80.

During the six months that will end with the year the highway commission will have let contracts for 506 miles of road construction and a large number of bridges. October was the largest month so far, 130 miles of road being let to contract during that month. In July contracts were let for 24 miles of roads, in August 41 miles, in September 86, in October 130, in November about 125, and plans are now under way which will permit the letting of contracts for about a hundred miles of new construction in December.

GIVE CONTRACTS FOR CATAWBA ROADS

Hickory Record.

The county highway commission in session at Newton this week, awarded contracts for top soil roads in this county and transacted other business of interest.

Twelve miles of top road from the Hickory township line through Jacob's Fork and Bandy's township to the three-county corners were let out an contract to Chandler and associates of Virginia, Va., for a lump sum of \$17,000.

R. A. Arndt will build one and a half miles of top soil from Conover towards his place. He will do the work for approximately \$2,000.

Two miles of top soil in Newton township on the St. Stephens church road were awarded to J. T. Ransour for \$2,500.

POCH WILL NOT COME

Charlotte Observer.

The final effort to bring Marshal Foch to Charlotte on his trip through the south failed last night when a committee of Southern railroad officials conferred with Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, who has been acting chairman on arrangements for the visit of Foch; as the personal representatives of President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern, in answer to a telegram sent to the railroad president earlier in the day requesting that the wishes of the people of Charlotte be granted and the French marshal routed over the Southern. The committee stated that President Harrison sent word that he regretted that circumstances would not allow the granting of the request, but that it was a condition which couldn't be helped.

Little tricks fool little people for a little while.

SHORT ITEMS

Portland, Ore. Dec. 1.—Six persons were killed in ahead-on collision early today between the eastbound Portland Spokane Limited and west bound Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company, two miles west of Celilo. Twenty-two persons were injured. Among the dead was A. H. McBride, a marine, who was guarding the mail on one of the trains. The others that were killed included two trainmen and 3 Oregon passengers.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 1.—Henry Lacey, 16-year-old negro, was convicted of a criminal attack on an 8-year old white girl by a jury in Richmond county court today and sentenced to hang December 21. The negro confessed on the stand. The negro was indicted, tried and sentenced within 24 hours after his capture. Two negroes, Thomas H. Greene and Anninia Greene, were in the jury box. Both were selected by the defense and passed by the State.

Florence, S. C., Dec. 1.—Fay Poston, aged 18 years, is dead, his brother Alger Poston is mortally wounded and three other persons are said to be wounded as a result of a shooting scrape at Johnstonville, 35 miles from here, late this afternoon. Jim Benton, said to be one of the wounded, is believed to be surrounded in a swamp by a posse of Johnstonville citizens who are seeking Benton in connection with the shooting.

Lawton, Okla., Dec. 1.—Four army aviators, two officers and two privates, were killed here when the two airplanes in which they were performing combat duty drills collided while at an altitude of 2,000 feet, and crashed to earth near the Post Field, Fort Sill, Okla.

Attorney C. B. McBrayer has just compiled for a large foreign corporation the names of all citizens of Cleveland county who pay taxes on property on the tax books at \$5,000 and over. He was surprised to find that there are over 1,400 citizens in this class. The corporation says the wealth of Cleveland county citizens is far beyond expectation.—Shelby Star.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Tariff tinkering talk is now perking up in Washington and the latest of this is that President Harding has a plan of his own for picking his party out of the pit of delay into which it fell after loud shouting that the tariff was the first thing that was to be given attention when the extra session began.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The federal government has turned over to North Carolina for road building purposes more than \$3,000,000 worth of surplus army equipment. This is shown by a summary prepared by the department of agriculture's bureau of roads. It is set out that up to November 1, the state authorities of North Carolina received 620 trucks and 112 automobiles under the Wadsworth-Kahn act which authorizes the war department through the agricultural department to distribute surplus army material to various states.

Prohibition party may be reorganized. What for? Prohibitionists have asked little that they have not gotten. Prohibition is a non-partisan question and its best gains have been made by the combining of the larger sections of both of the great parties. The prohibition party has never been a force and there is little reason to believe that it ever can be.

Washington, Nov. 30.—In its statement of person 10 years of age and over gainfully occupied, that is who are at work as employers, professional and other persons working on their own account of employees working for wages, the Census Bureau states that the 1920 census shows that of persons of both sexes the gainful employed in North Carolina number 895,852, or 48.6 per cent of the total number of persons of the ages specified, this number 1,344,673. With the males in the State of ten years and over numbering 917,883, the gainfully occupied number 695,152, or 75.5 per cent, while of the females of the same ages, numbering 326,799 there were 202,700 or 21.9 per cent engaged in gainful occupation.

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 1.—A mistrial was declared here late today in the case of L. C. Hammond, charged with wife murder after the jury had been out 6 hours. It was announced the case would be tried again at the next term of court. The prosecution asserted Hammond shot his wife because of infatuation for another woman but he told the jury her death was accidental.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Great Britain, as the ally of Japan, is using her influence to bring the Japanese views in the naval ratio dispute into harmony with those of the United States. With this development, the Japanese plenipotentiaries again have submitted the whole question to their home government.