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GOVERNOR FACES HARD DOCKET OF STATE BUSINESS

Attorney General Prepares To Start Probe Into Gasoline Prices in N. Carolina

MANY PARDONS ARE AWAITING HIS RETURN

Raleigh, Aug. 26.—Governor Morrison will be back at his desk in the capitol tomorrow, facing a heavy program of work in connection with the business of state. The governor's sister, Miss Ida Morrison; his daughter, Miss Augusta Morrison; and his executive secretary, Miss Margaret Willis who have been with him in Asheville, will return also; and the mansion will be reopened after having been closed for the summer.

The usual run of pardon seekers, that customarily develop with the executive's return from a trip away, is expected to be on hand bright and early Monday morning. Day after day, when the governor is in town, persons seeking pardons for friend, relative or client, occupy chairs in the private secretary's office. It has been thus for many administrations past; and often the best the governor can do during a day is to slip in a conference on state affairs between the calls of applicants for clemency.

Hold Early Conference

The governor is expected to hold an early conference with his council of state and later he and Treasurer Ben Lacy may go to New York to offer the sale of \$5,000,000 of state bonds. The attacks on the state's finances that featured the capital's hot summer days haven't been of benefit to the state's credit, and officials had misgivings as to the disposal of the bonds, especially at the satisfactory prices of the past.

Across capital square in the supreme court building there will be another scene of activity Monday, as Attorney General Manning questions wholesale gasoline dealers in his investigation of oil prices in North Carolina. The dealers have been invited to appear before the attorney general to furnish themselves information that he, otherwise, will get through the inquiry.

The move of the attorney general is in line with the nation-wide campaign against high gasoline costs. Judge Manning wants to bring about the standardization of prices in the state. Excessive price variations have been found in the various cities and towns of the state. The possibility of anti-trust legislation, having been violated in the sale and distribution of oil will also be looked into by the attorney general.

Recently, the large oil companies announced price reductions on gasoline of two cents the gallon in North Carolina. That has no effect on the inquiry of the attorney general, it was explained, as his interest lies in the enforcement of regulations lying within his bounds of authority and which will insure the distribution of the product at a fair price throughout the state.

Supreme Court to Convene

Another department of the state government that will be active this fall from the first judicial district. The regular fall term will be convened Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock when the justices will take up appeals from the first judicial districts. The first batch of opinions of the fall term is expected Wednesday of the second week.

Associate Justice Clarkson, appointed by Governor Morrison to succeed the late Justice Platt Walker, will reside at the Yarrowborough hotel for the winter. Justice Clarkson sat with the court for the first time a few days prior to the adjournment of the spring term, and during the summer he has been at his home in Charlotte.

Justice and Mrs. Clarkson will close their Charlotte home. Their daughter, Miss Peggy Clarkson, will enter St. Mary's here, and a son, Thomas Clarkson, will be a student at the university. Associate Justice and Mrs. W. J. Adams will make their residence at the Yarrowborough while the court is in session, also.

LAWRENCE MACRAE INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Lawrence MacRae, of Raleigh, sales manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association, and widely known as a cotton dealer and promoter of cotton mill interests, sustained painful and rather serious injuries last night at 7:45 o'clock when a northbound trolley car struck the automobile in which he was riding as he drove out of South Park drive and started to cross the car tracks on North Elm street.

"I drove a hundred miles—speeded the whole distance—wet all the way—but didn't skid a bit."

"What were you driving?"

"A yacht."

Little boy—"Mother, is it right to say you water a horse?"

Mother—"Yes, dear."

Little boy—"Then I'm going to milk the cat."

Exchange.

Holding hands is not always a disappointment. Sometimes you draw a good one.—Exchange.

For the most part man's contentment is due to his ignorance.

GET READY FOR THE REUNION AT WINSTON

Confederate veterans of Camp Walkup, attention: The 1923 Reunion, North Carolina Division, United Confederate Veterans, will be held at Winston-Salem Tuesday and Wednesday, September 4th, and 5th.

A great entertainment is in store for us, and an elaborate program of entertainment by the city of Winston has been prepared, including music by United States army band, of Camp Bragg.

Many interesting addresses will be made, one by General William B. Halderman, our commander in chief, and by other notable speakers, including Major Giles P. Cook, of Virginia, the only surviving member of the staff of General Robert E. Lee; and in addition there will be a general round of continuous and interesting entertainment for the two days session.

We have been granted by the railroads a one and one half rate for the round trip and those desiring the rail route instead of going in autos, can have the choice of two routes. It will be necessary to leave here on Monday morning, the 3rd, at 10:45 o'clock and by the way of Charlotte arrive at Winston at 4:45 p. m. at a cost of \$5.84, and by the way of Wadesboro arrive at Winston at 5:25 p. m. at a cost of \$6.38. However, the cost in any event is about the same as there would be a transfer charge at Charlotte from the Seaboard to the Southern depot.

It will be necessary to return by the same route that you go. Immediately upon arrival at Winston you are earnestly requested to go to the Robert E. Lee hotel, for assignment and registration. Owing to the advanced age of so many of our comrades, we cannot reasonably expect to be physically able to attend but few more reunions, and I sincerely hope that a large delegation from our camp will be represented at this reunion, which promises such an interesting and varied program of entertainment.

Those who have them are expected to go in uniform.

Certificates for the reduced fare will be found in the hands of the railway ticket agent and members of families of veterans, can secure the reduced rate.

S. E. BELK, Commander.
W. C. HEATH, Secretary.

The Hicks Reunion

On August 23rd Esquire John A. Hicks and his wife, Mrs. Rebecca Hicks, celebrated the first anniversary of their marriage at their beautiful home in Buford township. Mr. Hicks having been previously married and having many children and grand children, the celebration was also a reunion and many of his descendants, kinsfolks and neighbors were present. Mr. Hicks lays claim to six children, twenty-six grandchildren and one great grandchild, nearly all of whom were present. In spite of threatening clouds, a large crowd assembled and the picnic dinner table out on the spacious lawn under the elms and oaks laden with food things presented a most tempting spectacle. All waited with sole attention while the Clergyman of the day graced the table, but when notice of a second hold up came it surprised every one. This was for the presentation and opening of presents given Mr. and Mrs. Hicks by their friends who were the happy recipients of appropriate and valuable presents, but the opening of one of Mr. Hicks' presents caused much merriment, because of the marvelous amount of wrapping that enclosed it. One wrapping after another was untied and taken off until sympathetic friends came to his relief with a handy pocket knife and revealed the presents which had caused so much curiosity and wonder. It proved to be a box of face powder and a puff for Mrs. Hicks, and a complete smoking outfit for Mr. Hicks. After a special hour around the table the singers of the company assembled on the veranda and gave a number of favorite selections to the delight of all present. Rev. K. J. McIlwain of Monroe then made a talk and offered a prayer.

Later in the afternoon instrumental music enlivened the occasion. Then passed a most enjoyable day, which should make life's duties more pleasant and its burdens lighter as we pass down life's pathways together.

His Arm

Sister's friend had come to spend the afternoon and evening with the family and at the supper table her little brother between mouthfuls said to him: "Oh, Howard, you should have seen the nice soldier man that was here to see sister yesterday. Gee! he was swell, and he was talkin to sister, and he had his arm—"

"Johnny!" said his sister blushing deeply.

"Well, I was going to say he had his arm—"

"Johnny," said his mother, "now that's enough from you."

Johnny began to pout and said, "Well, I was only going to say he had his arm—"

"Johnny, you leave the room!" said his father severely.

Johnny began to cry and moved slowly toward the door. As he opened the door he said between sobs, "I was only going to say he had his arm clothes on."—Judge.

"In one way my wife is like an unripe," said Bill. "She never will believe I am safe when I'm out."

—Monahan Post News.

A lazy man will not work as long as he can work others.

A BIG LEGAL BATTLE OVER THE LOSS SEVERAL FINE GUERNSEY COWS

Mr. J. C. Austin Sues Seaboard to Recover for Cattle That Were Burned in a Railroad Fire at Rockingham in October of 1921.

Perhaps the larger part of the week will be taken up in hearing the case of J. C. Austin of Marshville against the Seaboard Air Line railway in a suit brought by Mr. Austin for recovery of damages sustained October 22, 1921; when fourteen of Mr. Austin's fine Guernsey cattle were burnt in a box car near Rockingham while he was returning from the State fair in Raleigh where the cattle had been on exhibition.

Mr. Austin testifies that the car caught, as he believes from a passing engine, stating that he could hear the cinders falling like hail on the car as the engine passed and that the doors to the car were covered with wire to provide ventilation, through which it is alleged sparks flew and fired the bedding in the car.

There appears to be no differences about the cows having been burnt in the manner claimed, but the contention is over the value of the cows, all of which were either registered or entitled to registration, some of them having cost Mr. Austin as high as \$1000.00 each.

Mr. Austin is being represented by a strong array of counsel, J. J.

Parker of Charlotte and J. C. Sikes and Gillam Craig of Monroe. The Seaboard is represented by E. T. Candler of Charlotte and Vann & Milliken of Monroe. A great legal battle is raging and the cows are being taken one by one, their pedigree and records examined and no stone is being left unturned by either the prosecution nor the defense. The case came up Monday morning and attorneys state that it will likely take through Wednesday and possibly a part of Thursday to complete the case.

For a number of years Mr. Austin has been a breeder of registered Guernsey cattle and has done more to promulgate their breeding than any other man in this part of the State. As a result east Union county is noted for its fine Guernsey milk cows.

A year ago last spring Mr. Austin lost his dairy barn and about sixty or sixty-five head of cattle by fire, the loss totalling something like \$50,000. He has since rebuilt and has another herd of Guernseys started. He expects to continue until he again secures a large herd of the best to be had.

AN OLD ARITHMETIC CREATES INTEREST

Old Union County Citizen Composed and Compiled Book of His Own

J. L. Brooks of Marshville is in possession of an arithmetic which was made by his great grandfather, Daniel Smith, in the years of 1812 to 1826. Printed arithmetics were evidently very scarce at that time and the old gentleman, possessing more education than the average man of his age took it upon himself, probably at the request of his neighbors to compose and compile the rules and examples of arithmetic.

The leaves of the arithmetic are eight by thirteen inches in size and there are about eight hundred in number. Addition, subtraction, division and multiplication are treated and the rules of interest, rebate, etc., are treated, and especial attention is given to the double rule of three, which in recent years has been discarded by the use of algebraic equations.

The book was written indelibly with goose quill and ink and the work is well arranged. It must have taken the old gentleman a good part of his time during the years of its completion to compile and arrange the work, since it is done with great neatness.

Mr. Smith was the grandnephew of the late Dr. H. M. Brooks of Olive Branch, a cousin of the late Esq. A. J. Brooks and is connected with a large per cent of the Brooks families of Union county. He moved from Fayetteville to New Salem township and his work was evidently begun before making the change.

In the old arithmetic is a shoe pattern cut from an old Fayetteville Observer, the oldest paper in the state, in the year 1830. In this paper are some price quotations that sound interesting to folks who live in the good year 1923, when some of the things quoted at a ridiculously low price then cannot be had now at any price:

Jamaica rum, \$1.40 gallon; Windsor Island, 70 cents gallon; New England rum, 40 cents gallon; rice, 100 pounds \$3.00; Liverpool salt, 60 cents bushel; leaf tobacco, 2-1-2 cents per pound; wheat, 95 cents per bushel; whiskey, 40 cents gallon; Malaga wine, 70 cents gallon. A number of other things are also listed that show how times have changed.

What is the Community Y. M. C. A.?

Community work is a form of association work suited to a field where, for local reasons, a standard city building is not at the present time feasible or desirable. It is very largely a work with and through the existing and helpful agencies in the community, such as the home, the church, and the school. It cooperates with these and similar agencies by providing, under the general supervision of a Board of Directors, a trained association secretary, whose efforts are directed toward making more efficient the work of these several agencies for boys and young men. Its emphasis is on helping these agencies with their special work rather than on doing the work directly under its own auspices and in its own name, although it does not exclude the latter. The secretarial staff is therefore small, and its equipment usually consists of one or two rooms for office work and committee meetings. To a very large extent the community association occupies a distinct and entirely different field to those for railroads and city operated with building. It does not therefore take the place of others. Community work is not a substitute for a standard association building. When Monroe decides to have a Y. M. C. A. building then she will have an entirely different type of Association.

When you hear a married man say he hasn't made up his mind about a thing he means that he hasn't asked his wife about it.

OBEYS STOP LAW; TRAIN KILLS HIM

Stopping his car in perfunctory compliance with the grade crossing law, and then stalling it with the front wheels across the first rail, Harry Barnes was ground to pieces under the wheels of a Southern passenger train at the 100-Mile crossing three miles east of Clayton shortly after noon yesterday. The locomotive was derailed by the force of the impact.

Panic stricken when he saw the train only a few feet away from him as his car stopped on the track, Barnes tried to save himself by jumping. When the train struck his hands were on the rail and his feet had caught in the door of the car. He was ground up under the twisted wreckage of his car. The body was terribly mangled and the car strewn up and down the track in bits.

The train was said to have been traveling at about 50 miles an hour, coasting down a heavy grade when it struck the car. People standing nearby yelled to Barnes as he drove on to the track that the train was coming, but he seemed not to hear them. An instant later the locomotive had crushed the life out of him.

Derailed of the pony trucks under the forward end of the locomotive delayed the train for about an hour. Hundreds of people drove to the scene of the wreck. Mr. Barnes was married and leaves a widow. He lived at Powhattan, a flag station between Clayton and Wilson's Mills. The car was a Studebaker touring car. Not enough of it remained to be salvaged.

A Tribute to Mrs. T. N. Massey

Born November 4, 1892.
Married September 1, 1914.
Passed beyond August 4, 1923.

As a bright, cloudless day was merging into the gray shadows of evening, the gentle and beloved spirit of Mrs. Edna Niven Massey heard the twilight bell.

From babyhood to girlhood, and to young womanhood hers was a strangely sweet and quiet life, exemplifying the charm and beauty of a heart true to the love of human ties, and consecration to the work of the Master. Through wifehood and motherhood, approximately nine years, hers were days filled with life's sweetest joys. In a noble way she met the duties of life, blessing them with a cheer and devotion that reflected in her smiling face a heavenly sweetness.

Seldom are the active and passive virtues of a human character more harmoniously and beautifully blended than were they in this excellent young woman.

We read of Christ gathering lilies: the beautiful blossom was the Master's favorite. "My beloved—that is Christ—is gone down into his garden, and to gather lilies. How exquisite is this representation of the Christian's departure! The Christ walking in the garden of his church and gathering lilies that are ready to droop—the lilies that are full bloomed—and especially the lily buds that are lovely in his sight.

Though we miss our dear departed, may we not think of them as precious gathered lilies—lilies gathered by Christ for eternity—lilies blooming forever in the paradise of God!

"The Master is seeking lilies today, And he bends his steps to the lotus stream; Golden-hearted, and pale, they lay, Full of wonderful peace like a holy dream.

Calm-browed woman, over whom the Dove Broodeth its still perpetual love, Watching and waiting with patient eyes, And he gathered them first for Paradise.

Then he paused where the sunshine was warm and bright, And the glorious lilies of Judah's land.

In the heaven's own purple, the saint's own white, Bent lowly and lovingly down to his hand.

Royal natures, unselfish and pure, Strong to contend and strong to endure, "The Master doth need you," that will suffice.

Whether on earth, or in Paradise.

Stooped he now among the long dewy grass, And sweet little lily-bells folds to his breast;

Ah, now he loves them! yet with grudging alas! We give to the Master the flowers he loves best.

Frail wee blossoms not fit for the strife, The sorrow and pains of mortal life;

Yet somewhere, we know, beyond the skies The lily-bells bloom in Paradise.

We see, but we see through our tears and sighs, The parable sweet is but dimly read,

Else to the heavens we should lift our eyes, Never bemoaning our loved as dead, The fairest blossom in all our home

Suddenly fades from our loving eyes; Dead? No for the Lord hath only come For lilies to plant in Paradise.

—Amelia E. Burr.
K. A.

MARVIN TO HAVE A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING SOON

Negroes Getting Busy in Lanes Creek—Many Schools to Open Soon

MEANS CONSOLIDATION OF COLORED SCHOOLS

In addition to the new school building at Unionville, several other districts in the county are getting busy. At Marvin, in Sandy Ridge township, patrons of the school are hauling brick and other materials at their own expense and are digging the foundation and doing other work for the erection of a six-room brick building.

Gulledge, a colored district in Lanes Creek, is to have a \$5,000 building, the patrons having raised their part of the necessary funds, securing \$1,100.00 from the Rosenwald fund. The erection of this building will virtually mean the consolidation of the colored schools in Lanes Creek township.

Opening of Schools

The Marshville school opened Monday with an attendance of 365, of whom 150 are high school students. J. L. Memory, the principal, is recognized as one of the best school men in the State and the school opened with a great deal of interest, many of the patrons attending the opening exercises. Mr. Ray Funderburk, county superintendent, was present and made an excellent talk. Messrs. J. Z. Green and E. E. Marsh, members of the school board, also made appropriate talks. Mr. Memory has a most excellent corps of assistants, and the most successful term in the history of the school is anticipated.

The Benton Heights school will open on Monday, September 10th, with Mr. T. A. Little of Marshville as principal. The first grade will be taught by Miss Sarah Bivens of Wingate, the second by Miss Mildred Plyler of Monroe, the third by Mrs. Sam Phifer of Benton Heights, the fourth Miss Bertha Ledbetter of Henderson, fifth, Miss Berlie Jumper of South Carolina; sixth and seventh, L. Carr Broom of Buford.

On the same date the Indian Trail school will also open with W. Q. Craig of Lawndale as principal. The other teachers are, Miss Kate Crowell, Annie Crowell, Lottie Harrell, Odessa Lemmond and J. V. Devenny. The schools at Waxhaw and Wingate will open on September 3rd with J. W. McFall as principal at Waxhaw and G. B. Rhodes at Wingate. Competent teachers have been secured at these places and successful terms are predicted.

News From Union

Union, August 28.—A delightful picnic was enjoyed Wednesday afternoon, August 22, at Eudy's pond by the high school students and teachers. A severe rain storm descended immediately after we arrived but that was soon over and we had a jolly time. Some went in bathing, but I think the occasion was enjoyed more fully when it came time for lunch.

The boys' debating society met Friday evening with a very amusing program as a "mock-trial" over the stealing of some watermelons was the main feature. All enjoyed a hearty laugh at the funny questions and answers and were sorry when the trial ended.

Mr. Vann Parker returned yesterday after a week's visit to his brother, Mr. J. P. Parker of Inman, S. C. A pound supper was given at the home of Mr. T. K. Helms Saturday evening, August 25th, in honor of the 15th birthday of his son, Lester. A large crowd had assembled there and participated in many out-door games which were played in the beautiful moonlight. The table was placed in the yard on which were placed lots of good things to eat and to which I think every one did justice.

The Riley Literary Society met Friday afternoon and rendered a good program, consisting of story readings, songs, dialogues etc. Mr. Ray Funderburk, the county superintendent visited Union Monday afternoon in order to see about making arrangements for another class room, as we are somewhat cramped. It was decided to cut off a room in the auditorium.

Mr. W. L. Thomas states that his cotton is opening and is almost thick enough to pick. I imagine he will have some new money pretty soon!

Or a Side Show

"That young man of yours," said father as daughter came down to breakfast, "is old in a museum for living curiosities."

"Why, father," exclaimed the young lady in tones of indignation, "What do you mean?"

"I noticed when I passed through the hall last night," answered the parent, "that he had two heads upon his shoulder."

The Same Night

Jack Daugherty (with much enthusiasm)—"I could go on dancing like this with you forever."

She—"Oh! no, you couldn't possibly. You're bound to improve."

The million-year old skull found in Patagonia is petrified and solid. How little man has changed in all these years.—Exchange.