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INCREASED RATES EFFECTIVE AUG. 20

Higher Passenger Rates Will Be Effective That Date—Freight Rates On August 25.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The new passenger fares probably will become effective August 20, and the advanced freight rates August 25, according to a program outlined tonight by Alfred P. Thom, general counsel for the Association of Railway Executives.

Simultaneously with the effectiveness of passenger fares, the increased charges for Pullman travel and the new rates on excess baggage and milk also will be put in force.

Railroad rate experts have begun the preparation of blanket rate schedules increasing the transportation costs on a percentage basis. These will be presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission five days prior to the proposed effective dates. The rate sheets will be supplemented by printed tariffs containing rates for all territories and on all commodities as soon as the physical task of working out the multitudinous details can be accomplished. Until this work is done, local rail officials will compute the new rates and charges for their respective territories on the basis of the existing rates plus the percentage increase caused by the commission.

While this method of putting new rates into effect would be unusual, railroad officials pointed to the suggestion of the commission that the higher charges be put in force "at as early a date as practicable."

MEMBERS OF GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION

Mr. B. L. Lunsford, secretary of the Board of Trade, announces that splendid success has been made by Mrs. Kent J. Brown, a representative of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, in organizing the work in McDowell county. Mr. Lunsford says the following list of names constitute the local chapter of the association, and no doubt these gentlemen will exert a splendid influence for good roads in the county and state by their concerted action in connection with the state organization. The membership is as follows: Marion—J. Q. Gilkey, E. H. Dy-sart, D. F. Giles, Dr. Guy S. Kirby, J. W. Pless, J. W. Winborne, D. E. Hudgins, M. E. Whitener, J. F. Snipes, Chas. Laughridge, W. W. Guy, Marion Ice & Fuel Co., Marion Veneer & Panel Co., G. M. Wilkinson, D. L. Morris, Banner & Conley, Eugene Cross, W. K. M. Gilkey, J. H. Tate, A. H. Giles, G. W. Chapman, Dr. J. F. Jonas, D. W. Crawford, W. T. Morgan, J. W. Outz, Seaman Lumber Co., Geo. C. Conely, J. E. Decker, C. F. James, Marianna Hotel.

Old Fort—J. N. Nesbitt, J. L. Nichols, F. M. Bradley, W. P. Artz, I. L. Caplain.
Nebo—J. F. Wilson and R. V. Wilson.

NEW TRAINS STARTED SUNDAY

Sunday, passenger trains Nos. 13 and 14 made their initial runs between Charlotte and Salisbury, via Barber Junction, No. 22 leaving Marion at 9:55 a. m., connects with 14 at Barber Junction. No. 21 connects with 13 at Barber Junction, arriving in Marion at 7 p. m. Thus passengers between Asheville and Barber have connection with Salisbury and other points between Charlotte and Greensboro on trains Nos. 21 and 22. This was impossible formerly, as 21 and 22 travel via Barber and Winston-Salem to Greensboro.

J. Frank Hanly, former governor of Indiana, and candidate for President on the 1916 prohibition ticket, and Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Baker, of Kilgore, Ohio, were killed near Dennison, Ohio, Sunday, when the automobile in which they were driving was struck by a freight train.

HOME BUILDING ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Home Building Association of Marion on last Monday, J. D. Blanton was elected president and M. W. Guy, vice president. Mr. J. W. Winborne was elected attorney, and W. C. Smith, M. L. Justice and H. H. Tate constitute the loan committee.

The new association is starting out with bright prospects. More than 2,000 shares have already been subscribed, and it is expected that this amount will be doubled within a short time.

The object of the association is to promote the interests of Marion by encouraging home building and other building enterprises.

The officers are all successful and well-known business men of Marion. They are men who have the confidence of the business public, and those buying shares in the new organization will have the satisfaction of knowing that the business affairs of the association will be managed along the lines of safe business principles, yet in such a way as to meet the requirements of the progressive age.

BUILDING SWIMMING POOL AND PLAYGROUND

A stock company composed of a number of citizens of Marion has purchased the property belonging to John Yancey located in the upper end of town on the road leading to Pleasant Gardens, and a large swimming pool is being built, having a capacity of several hundred thousand gallons of water. The pool is so constructed as to afford water a graduated depth of from one to ten feet, thus providing water for both wading and swimming purposes.

The playgrounds will be provided with modern equipment, such as will meet the needs of both small and large children. The playground and swimming pool will be operated for the benefit of the owners, their families and invited friends. Since a large number of citizens have taken stock it will afford health and recreation features for a large number of children.

MR. NEAL LEAVES FOR DAYTON

Mr. W. W. Neal left Wednesday for Dayton, Ohio, where he goes as a member of the committee to formally notify Gov. Jas. M. Cox of his nomination at the San Francisco convention as Democratic nominee for President.

Mr. Neal expects to remain in Dayton until Sunday, when he leaves direct for Raleigh to be at the special session of the legislature. He expects to introduce several bills of considerable importance at the special session.

MILITARY OFFICERS AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Army officers and others connected with the military establishment are prohibited under an order issued by Secretary Baker, from taking any "active part in political campaigns" or from "using their official position to influence the result of an election."

Secretary Baker said the order was not directed at Major General Leonard Wood, who sought the nomination as the Republican candidate for the presidency and who since has promised his support to Senator Harding. Mr. Baker explained that General Wood's activities in politics had been with his full knowledge and consent, and that the general's position had been exceptional inasmuch as he was a candidate at the Chicago convention. He added that it was not the policy of the department to stand in the way of the people's choice of any official whom they might want for President.

Services at St. John's Episcopal church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell—Items About Home People.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, August 2.—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Poteet, and children, of Cleveland, are visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Holland spent Sunday with the former's brother, Sam Holland, at Nebo.

Marvin England visited his sister, Mrs. Sam Jamison, at Nebo Sunday.

Mrs. T. J. Barnes is spending a few days at the home of W. M. England, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Brown, of Marion, spent the week-end with the latter's parent, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kaylor.

Mrs. W. R. Robertson spent Sunday with Mrs. A. S. Coats.

The Chapel Hill school is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Jessie Conley and Miss Simpson.

The revival meeting announced to begin July 24th has been postponed until August 22.

MONTFORDS COVE

Nealsville, Aug. 2.—Mr. W. T. Ledbetter died at his home here last Thursday evening, after an illness of several months. Mr. Ledbetter was 59 years of age and is survived by a widow and seven children. The funeral services were conducted from the Baptist church Friday afternoon by Rev. R. F. Mock, of Old Fort. Mr. Ledbetter was a trustee of Concord Methodist church and took an active part in church work. He was a splendid citizen and will be greatly missed in the community.

Misses Mattie and Lillian Harris have returned from Asheville, where they have been attending the summer school.

Rev. Reid Harris, of Candler, spent a few days with relatives here last week.

Rev. S. P. Mauldin, of Virginia, is the guest of E. C. Harris and family.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Route No. 2, Aug. 2.—Mrs. O. A. Davis spent the week-end on Broad River, visiting relatives.

Carl Morris and Robert Pyatt spent Saturday in Marion.

School opened today at Belfont, with Misses Francis Hicks and Evelyn Gettys as teachers.

Miss Marie Reel, of Curfew, spent Sunday with Misses Pearl and Rose Turner.

J. O. Pendergrass, of Greenlee, spent the week-end with friends here.

Rev. C. P. Holland began a series of revival services at Bethlehem church next Sunday.

Walter Hawkins, of Curfew, visited friends here Sunday.

Emory and Richard Jolly and families, of Marion, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Vess yesterday.

Lee Lavender made a business trip to Marion last Wednesday.

J. J. Carswell was called to Nealsville Friday by the death of his father-in-law, Mrs. Ledbetter.

Grayson Bailey spent the week-end with relatives at Nebo.

GREENLEE

Marion, Route 2, Aug. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Phifer Davis and daughter spent Saturday in Marion.

Miss Mattie Snipes, of Asheville, spent Sunday with her parents here.

Melvin Burnett has returned to Asheville, after spending the week-end with homefolks here.

C. B. Wright spent the week-end here with his sister, Mrs. W. L. Crisp. Corn in this section is looking very promising.

Miss Annie Lou Lytle and sister have returned to Marion, after spending two weeks with homefolks here.

Mrs. M. H. Grant was shopping in

Old Fort one day last week.

Miss Mabel Tate was shopping in Marion one day last week.

A large number of Greenlee folks went to Marion last Saturday to transact business and see the circus.

ABOUT 'TAR HEEL AFFLUENCE'

The State Has Grown From Desolation of War to Envyable Position in Fifty Years.

(Baltimore Evening Sun.)

Only a little more than 50 years ago North Carolina was desolated by war, woefully poverty stricken, prostrate under the heel of thieving carpet baggers and negroes, supported by Federal troops. The State had lost more men in the war than any other, its slave property was gone. Confederate money, virtually its only circulating medium, had become worthless; there was little Federal currency and little to sell to secure it, for the able-bodied men had been fighting and the negroes were celebrating their freedom by loafing and talking politics. The outlook was dreary in the extreme.

In the fiscal year ended June 30, North Carolina paid Federal taxes of \$169,206,000, which was doubtless more than the entire wealth of the State, outside of land, in 1870.

The Maryland district, which includes Delaware and the District of Columbia, paid only \$120,752,457. Texas, five times as large as North Carolina, and with double its population, paid \$103,000,000. Georgia, called the "Empire State of the South," paid \$42,665,000, and Tennessee \$35,138,000.

The North Carolina figures are all the more remarkable because the State has no large cities, none in the class of Baltimore, Washington, New Orleans, Atlanta, Dallas, Richmond, nor even Norfolk or Savannah. It has no big seaport. Its largest town, with Charlotte somewhat small in Winston-Salem, of 48,000 population, with Charlotte somewhat smaller, and Wilmington, Raleigh and Asheville considerably so. It has, moreover, very few millionaires. But its per capita wealth is larger than that of any other southern state, and it is buying automobiles, it is said, at the rate of \$50,000,000 a year. The basis of its prosperity is, of course, tobacco and cotton, both the growing and manufacture; lumber and truck farming.

North Carolina has the oldest state university in America, its charter dating from 1789. The State's appropriation for maintenance and building is about \$200,000. The Alumni Review, in pointing out its inadequacy, says, under the head of "Gasoline and Culture":

At present North Carolina has 54 cents per inhabitant invested in university properties, and \$50 per inhabitant invested in automobiles. In 125 years we have built up a university plant worth \$1,350,000. In ten years we have bought up \$100,000,000 worth of motor cars! We are buying motor cars faster than any other state in the union, says the national automobile chamber of commerce—\$50,000,000 worth a year—a hundred and forty thousand dollars' worth a day, including Sunday.

We are skyrocketing toward the top of the automobile column; but in common school and university investments we soar aloft like Icarus of old, like Darius Green and his flying machine!

Our 1,500 students already demand almost exactly twice the space available today—to say nothing of the future. We could just as easily have 5,000 as 1,500 students here, if only the State would provide the facilities.

The Agricultural and Mechanical college, with a large attendance, and also a State institution, is not connected with the university.

It is interesting to note that, while Maryland has no State university, it is giving to its State college and to higher educational institutions twice as much as North Carolina appropriates for its university.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Miss Bonnie King, of Asheville, aged 14 years, cut her hair short, dressed in boy's overalls and went out to look for a boy's job. She was arrested in Hendersonville and returned to her people.

As the result of a duel, Jim Crow, a deputy sheriff of Cherokee county, and Hick Rose, are both dead. While Crow was on his way to arrest Rose he was shot by Rose from ambush. Before the sheriff fell he shot Rose dead.

Unless the special session of the general assembly asks for specific recommendation or suggestion from the State Highway Commission as to legislation that it considers necessary at this time, the commission will await the regular session next January to secure the passage of sundry measures deemed necessary for the continuation of the road building program in the state.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET

The Board of County Commissioners were in regular session Monday transacting the regular routine of business. The jury list for September term of court was drawn, as follows:

First Week—J. W. Jarrett, R. D. Owenby, R. B. Loftis, W. A. Carswell, J. W. Bradley, W. P. Finley, J. W. Goforth, J. L. Wilson, Horace Ledbetter, G. A. Biddix, J. Q. Gilkey, L. J. Epley, W. C. Fortune, Ben Foster, S. C. Bailey, W. A. Houck, G. G. Morgan, J. T. Davis, W. B. Parker, L. L. Fortune, J. D. Hunt, W. M. Sweeney, Henry Pyatt, W. F. Brown, Ed. Allison, A. C. Carr, T. J. Hemphill, J. B. Poteet, E. S. Brown, J. P. Bright, W. H. Swofford, S. M. Hawkins, Dink Cannon, B. C. Miller, G. B. Woody and D. N. Walker.

Second Week—J. M. Holland, Hal Lawing, Avery Padgett, Calvin Elliott, A. J. Broadwater, A. P. Jordan, J. F. Conniffe, A. J. Ledbetter, C. D. Corpening, E. G. Ferguson, J. H. L. Miller, W. C. Silver, E. W. Hill, A. C. Kampe, A. L. Cowan, W. H. Burgin, W. L. Grant and W. L. White.

Mrs. Johnson, of the State Board of Welfare, was present at the Monday meeting, and spoke to the board of the importance of filling the office of superintendent of public welfare. The commissioners took no action, giving as their reason the lack of funds.

THE AMERICAN FARMER

The American farmer, a great power is he, Greater, by far, than armies ever can be;

He has saved more lives than all wars have destroyed, In spite of the fact that he is constantly annoyed.

The American farmer is a great home builder, Casting rays of life and light, where others would bewilder;

He hates like sin the profiteer, and is American unalloyed, In spite of the fact that he is constantly annoyed.

The American farmer is a God-given asset, out him, famine and death;

He brings health, elevation and joy, to the people employed.

In spite of the fact that he is constantly annoyed.

The American farmer is a persistent worker, Belongs to no clique and tolerates no shirker;

He has been criticised and censored, but yet he has joyed, In spite of the fact that he is constantly annoyed.

With him, life and happiness, with— A. C. K.

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