

Cigarette consumption in the first quarter of 1952 was nearly equal to the record set a year ago. Shipments overseas also were high.

Application of various forms of nitrogen to wheat is being tested this year in the Great Plains and other dry areas of the United States.

LETTERS To The EDITOR

Dear Mr. Carter: Following is a letter I am submitting to your paper for what use you might care to make of it: TO THE CITIZENS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY AND THE CAROLINA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY:

Since it was announced that the Carolina Power and Light Company had purchased the franchises and physical properties of Tidewater Power Company, it has been my intention to write an "open letter" to the good people of Columbus County and officials of North Carolina Power and Light Company, congratulating both.

To the Carolina Power and Light Company I can say that they will enjoy doing business with their many new friends of Columbus County. No finer folks are to be found anywhere. And not only are they good people but they are progressive people. Many have been the times that I have pointed to Columbus County, its towns and citizens, as examples of progress and opportunity. There is no agricultural section of the two Carolinas that can offer more and it is fitting that the county now has shaken hands with a neighbor and friend that will open new eras of convenience, opportunity and prosperity.

Having lived for many years in Columbus County and being familiar with the problems of inefficient power service, and having lived for eight years in a town serviced by Carolina Power and Light Company, I am behooved to say a good word for this utility.

I sincerely believe it would be impossible to do business with a finer company. And you will find this out for yourselves as the months pass by. CP & L has become one of the leading private enterprise power companies of the nation, in my opinion, because of the high type personnel it employs and the service it renders to its customers. As an example of this, during the eight years I have published a paper in Marion, S. C. I have never had a power interruption.

Of course, for Columbus County to realize the fullest service of this company it will take time, and cooperation on the part of electrical consumers. First-class power service is not something that can be realized over night. It takes months of study and planning—and high finance. But you may rest assured that if you want adequate and satisfactory power service in Columbus County, you are now doing business with the people who can give it to you. All they expect in return is your cooperation and good will.

Again I say, with a sincere interest in the people of Columbus County and the Carolina Power and Light Company, it is my pleasure to introduce two groups who have so much in common.

Sincerely, Lem Winsett, Editor-Publisher The Marion Star Marion, S. C.

Negro News

OPPORTUNITY CLUB The opportunity club, formerly the Young Woman's Saving club, Number 2, organized April 16, 1951. The club has noted a decided gain in membership now having 20 on the roll. The club motto is "Making Better Young Women In Our Town, Community and Country."

Since each member of our club believes in christianity and is a church member of their choice, we are proud to say that we have chose as one of our rules in the club constitution — The Ten Commandments.

Our meetings are held each Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock with clubwomen serving as hostess in their home.

Mrs. Mae Bell Bryant was hostess last week at which time we discussed the 22nd Psalm.

Mrs. Wilhemina Mobley, president; Mrs. Gracie Wilson, secretary; Elizabeth Davis, Reporter.

The output of frozen concentrated orange juice by early April was twice the volume of a year earlier.

Umstead Women Plan Drive

RALEIGH — The Women's Steering Committee for William B. Umstead, candidate for Governor, in Durham County is planning a person-to-person, door-to-door campaign. They believe this drive will result in a record vote for their candidate in the Democratic Primary on May 31.

Mrs. B. B. Everett and Miss Kathryn Folger of the Umstead State Headquarters have been helping the Durham women get organized. They reported that their personal approach is a pattern the women supporters of Umstead plan to maintain across the State.

"We want all the voters of North Carolina to realize that Mr. Umstead is the man best qualified by experience and ability to be the next Governor of North Carolina," Mrs. Everett said.

Consumption of cotton in the United States was at an annual rate of 9.5 million bales in the first nine months of the current season.

Will Buy Potato Sprouts BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE 15th IF YOU HAVE ANY POTATO SPROUTS TO SELL Write or Call JOHNSON COTTON CO. Clarkton, N. C. Phone 2301

SEED Seed — Plants — Feeds Fertilizers — Insecticides FEEDS BABY CHICKS FRED M. JERNIGAN STORE Tabor City, N. C.

Columbus County's REGISTRATION BOOKS WILL BE OPEN SATURDAY May 10 and May 17

REGISTRARS WILL BE AT THEIR REGULAR STATIONS IN EVERY PRECINCT ON THE ABOVE DATES AND AT THEIR HOMES OTHER WEEK DAYS DURING THIS TIME.

NEW VOTERS MUST REGISTER

ON ONE OF THE ABOVE DATES TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY, SATURDAY, MAY 31st, 1952

Saturday, May 24 Is Challenge Day

No person now registered as a Republican will be allowed to vote in the Democratic Primary unless his or her party affiliation is changed on the Registration Books before the Books are closed Saturday, May 17th.

Table listing registrars by precinct: BOGUE, BOLTON, BUG HILL No. 1, BUG HILL No. 2, BUG HILL No. 3, CHADBOURN, CERRO GORDO, FAIR BLUFF, NORTH LEES, SOUTH LEES, EAST LEES, WEST LEES, RANSOM, TATUM, WACCAMAW, WELCHES CREEK, WESTERN PRONG, WILLIAMS No. 1, WILLIAMS No. 2, SOUTH WILLIAMS, WHITEVILLE, No. 1, WHITEVILLE, No. 2, SOUTH WHITEVILLE.

A. E. POWELL, Jr., Chairman, Columbus County Board of Election

Ward's Cafe NOW OPEN UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE OWNERS MR. AND MRS. FRANK WARD 5th Street — Tabor City — featuring — HOT DOGS — HAMBURGERS HOME-COOKED MEALS

From District 5 For County Commissioner VOTE FOR J. WALTER HOOKS Farmer Veteran of World War II, with 52 months service Your Vote and Support in the Democratic Primary, May 31st will be Appreciated.

VOTE FOR DAL M. PHIPPS FOR CONSTABLE South Williams Township at the DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY MAY 31 Served As Constable 1947-1948 And As Magistrate 1946-1947 WILL SERVE TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY Your Support and Influence Will Be Greatly Appreciated

U.S. ROYAL Your Utmost in Life Protecting Safety! The great U. S. Royal Master launched its dramatic challenge two years ago. Now —with billions of miles of performance proof behind it, there is nothing to compare with it in stopping power, skid protection and safe mileage capacity. Learn today why this great U. S. Royal success is unprecedented in tire history—why it has established a new driving era. WE BUY YOUR OLD TIRES! You don't have to wait until your tires wear out. You can have the safety of U. S. Royals now! We will give you full value for the unused mileage in your present tires—old or new! Come in today for these special allowances! THE TIRE THAT HAS NEVER BEEN SUCCESSFULLY DUPLICATED Skid Protection • Blowout Prevention • Life Protection SARVIS SUPER SERVICE Green Sea Road — Tabor City, N. C.

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