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## Norfolk Southern Railway Plans New Customers' Delivery Service

Beginning on February 1, or as near that date as possible, the Norfolk Southern Railroad will inaugurate a service of collection at the consignee's place of business of freight in less than carload lots. Should the shipper prefer to haul his own freight to the depot the Railroad will allow him five cents a hundred pounds for doing so.

This service is planned to bring about a more equal adjustment of rates in competition with truckers on the highways. Prior to laws enacted last year railroads were not in position to measure charges made by truckers, which were frequently changed. The competition should result in greater service to the public, and as both systems of handling freight are now under practically the same rulings, it should not be detrimental to either.

## To The Local Unit Of The C. P. & L.

Users of electricity are prone to regard the service as something entirely impersonal and to feel that the lights and heat come like sun and rain with no human element concerned. To all such may be news to read that G. T. McEl-derry, district manager of the Carolina Power and Light Co. states that the company's full force of workers had to be called for and put to work on Sunday, Jan. 19, as a result of the severe storm of that day. In many instances lines were down and men worked day and night until service was restored.

From the local office J. W. Nar-ron, C. T. Eudy, S. R. Hodge, I. C. Farr, aided by J. B. Comer as special helper and by a number of colored men set forth as soon as possible. In one home a young man and his wife were both sick in bed. A call to the office brought word that every worker was out, but that the matter would be reported as soon as possible. The current was on again and in use, when in the night, "Ikey" Farr made a special trip to see if everything was all right.

Crews from Raleigh and Nashville worked with the corps from Zebulon, Wendell, Middlesex and other towns were left by the storm in worse shape than was this town, and there was no rest for the weary on the C. P. & L. force until all was repaired.

For commercial service we pay; for strenuous effort by our friends and neighbors, we can only speak our appreciation and thanks.

## Coldest Weather

Old timers say Monday-Tuesday night was the coldest weather this part of the country has seen in 24 years. That isn't hard to believe. The thermometers in many houses had hit bottom and might have gone further, if there had been any further to go. And headlines said "Weather man shivers as he predicts more cold weather." So do we when we read the prediction.

Wyoming oilmen completed 81 wells during 1935.

## This, That And The Other

Now is the time for all dwellers in houses with water piped in to confess the sometimes greater advantages of the old-fashioned well, which, while hard on the back and so often accused of being insanitary, was never yet known to freeze.

Does anyone remember when radios were much more of a luxury than today and when impassioned arguers contended for a certain pronunciation of a word, giving as the clincher the fact that a radio announcer had pronounced it that way. And when it was held as truth inviolate that what radio announcers said was correct in every part as regarded grammar, articulation and inflection? Have the mighty fallen or have we learned more of words? I've just heard a radio talk that sent me to the dictionary to confirm my impression that several words were badly bungled in the saying.

My own taste in reading is so liable to be imperfect that I hesitate to insist that others read the things I enjoy. But there's one new book so different, so practical and so true, that I do want as many as possible to read it. It is "If I Have Four Apples," by Josephine Lawrence and concerns a family such as some of us are. The author holds that the family in the book does not know plain arithmetic and lives upon the idea that if four apples are owned and three are eaten, eight will be left. Irene Pitts thinks it is a depressing book because nobody in it reforms and decides to buy only what can be afforded; but I've learned that reformation must come from within and can never be forced upon any individual. It seems as impossible for some folks to buy only what their income allows as to keep from breathing. Nothing ever teaches them that three from four leaves one. The deepest tragedy of it all falls upon those plodding, practical relatives or others who must come to the rescue over and over or be thought stingy, hardhearted and unfeeling.

Some of these days when a speaker begins to tell us how little time we really spend in work because we sleep at least one-third of our lives and at least another third in rest and recreation, I'm liable to speak right out and ask him why he doesn't take it to the Lord who made us so that we are compelled to have sleep. And I may add that if he takes careful surveys, he might find that many of us fail to have eight hours daily for "rest and recreation". Then, if he assumes that we do not work before school days are over, I am liable to dispute the statement. It always seems a pity for a good speech to be weakened by fallacious argument.

## Public Character

Among those who have had much to do with the upbuilding of this section is the subject of this sketch, who has been identified with this town since soon after its beginning, and who has in many ways shown his interest in its development. He is a member of the local school board.

Name—John Knox Barrow.

Native of Dinwiddie, Va.

Domestic Status—Married to Miss Lillian Erma Gupton of Wakefield, Oct. 10, 1910. Has three daughters, one son.

Church Affiliation—Baptist.

Business—Lumber and Farming.

Has been in Lumber Business 30 years.

Came to Zebulon in Sept. 1909 from Dinwiddie Co., Va.

Because of the valuable lumber in this section.

## Club Column

### STUDY CLASS

On next Tuesday p. m. at 3:30 the co-operative study class will meet in the Home Demonstration Club at Wakefield. Mrs. J. S. McInness of Raleigh will speak and members of the club will be hostesses for the day. A cordial invitation is extended to all members of the organizations sponsoring the course—Baptist and Methodist Missionary Societies, P. T. A., and Woman's Club—to attend with all others who may be interested in Christian Homes, the general topic for the year's study.

### DEPARTMENTAL MEETING

Of unusual interest was the meet of the Department of Literature of the Woman's Club on Tuesday p. m. Mrs. Raymond Pippin spoke most interestingly on Greece basing her talk not only on special study but also on what had been told her by a sister, Dr. Helen Law of Wellesley College, who spent last year in Athens studying. Mrs. Pippin showed a number of photographs taken by Dr. Law together with specimens of embroidery and other curios from Greece.

Miss Cornelia Herring pleased the audience with two piano solos.

## Reuben Combes In Bad Accident

Reuben Combes of the local Texaco station was badly hurt on Monday night when his car skidded into a ditch as he was returning from Pilot to Zebulon. Thrown from his car he managed to crawl back into it and tried to summon help by sounding the horn. Dwellers in homes nearby heard the noise, but paid not attention and Mr. Combes endured pain and cold for hours before a passing bread truck found him and called assistance. After being brought to Zebulon and given treatment, the injured man was sent to a Raleigh hospital. Because of the intense cold and his long exposure, pneumonia is specially feared.

## First Lethal Gas Execution Was One of "Horror" Say Witnesses



I admire the way James Cagney's hair remains in place in the various and sundry performances he puts on regardless of the struggles he struggles strugglingly thru. But the cake is taken away from friend Cagney by our titian-haired John Boles in "The Littlest Rebel." Onnijay spends the entire night going through the swamp, swimming rivers and floating down various streams past Yankee camps, his clothes are slightly ruffled at the end of the trip but his head is as neatly combed as it was when the first scene of film was shot. Certain darkies in and around town apparently have acquired some of John's hair dressing for the kinks have went and they have beautiful straight hair "as advertised".

"Anything Goes" is one of the screwiest pictures I've seen this year, but if you like Bing Crosby and the gang he usually has in a picture, see it. He has a new cast but they're all good. I am screwy enough to like that type picture. Even if you aren't.

The funniest thing at the Sally Rand show was Frank Tunnell and three friends who sat on the fourth row from the stage and had three pair of binoculars. The field glasses appeared to be about seven and a half power and of the type used for night work. They seemed to enjoy Sally's artistic wiggles of her various perfumed and powdered anatomical portions. The bubble dance was quite lovely and Sally kicked, threw and chased the huge balloon about the stage in a most delightful manner (to the men). However, I can't help being reminded of a trip from Wake Forest one rainy day. I had my lady friend, now my wife, with me and as we passed the home of a Deputy of an adjoining township we were greeted with the sight of his 5-year-old daughter tearing across the back portion of the yard at full speed ahead as naked as the proverbial jaybird. While Sally was in somewhat less haste, the child seemed to have been the more modest of the two. However, more was to be seen of Sally than I had expected.

An English lady of the stage and a comedian whose mouth looked as though a razor had been run from one ear across the lower portion of his face to the other ear, saved the whole show. All in all, in entertainment the show was above the average of the general run of shows we catch on the theatre routes.

I'm puzzling over the why and wherefore of two certain young plump people in this town who have right ingredients for perfect happiness, et cetera, et cetera, and yet don't tie the nuptial knot. They claim that they're afraid the marriage wouldn't click because they're both so afraid of failure. Well, once there was a fellow namer Co-

The fact that Allen Foster, who is assured a place in history by virtue of being the first victim of the lethal gas execution east of the Mississippi river, required eleven minutes of evident agony to succumb to the fumes, has occasioned a furor of protest from all over the state against the gas chamber.

Substitution of the gas chamber for the electric chair was authorized by the last legislature. It was offered by its sponsors and accepted by the legislature as a more humane method of execution than electricity. Several members of the legislature were among the witnesses at its first trial last Friday. Most of them now say that the legislature made a mistake.

The protest has even gone so far as to suggest that the governor call a special session of the legislature to repeal the law, and that meantime he grant wholesale amnesty to all inhabitants of death row. The governor has made it clear that he does not intend to do either.

Foster, the Negro who was executed Friday, hails from Birmingham. He was sentenced to death from Hoke county for raping a white woman.

## Church Column

Rev. J. M. Ormond of Durham delivered a timely and forceful message at the Methodist Church last Sunday morning. This congregation is considering rebuilding or remodeling. Their efforts along this line should command the co-operation of every member of the church and of all others concerned for the spiritual welfare of the town.

Twelve women attended the meeting of the Northside Circle of the Baptist W. M. S. on Monday p. m. despite cold and snow. Mrs. Lester Green was hostess and the day's lesson was taught by Mrs. J. O. Newell. This circle is at present studying the Year Book of the W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The meeting of the Central Circle was postponed from last Monday because of the rough weather.

## Milk Bottle Law Held to be Invalid

Phillip Brockwell won his appeal to the supreme court in the famous "milk bottle case." Indicted some months ago at the instance of the county health authorities for using a milk bottle for purposes other than to contain milk, Brockwell was convicted in Wake Superior Court. He appealed, claiming among other things, that the law was unconstitutional. The supreme court in an opinion last week sustained that position and declared the special Wake county act unconstitutional.

lumbus—but I hope they don't leave this earth in the same manner he vacated his premises.

Remember D— old gal, it's leap year—  
Prosperous lip year to you!