

Rabbits Prove Pests In Central North Carolina

Raleigh News and Observer. An epidemic of rabbits has broken out in certain sections of Piedmont North Carolina and, as the result, certain crops, especially the soybeans, are suffering, according to information received at the State Department of Agriculture. A definite complaint came from the owner of a Randolph county farm, who stated he had sent a hurried call to the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington to inquire what could be done about it. The State law provides that rabbits can be killed between November 1 and March 1, so they can't be shot this time of the year.

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C. A. Cannon Adds Extension Plea

Charlotte Observer. Two large textile manufacturers were witnesses yesterday for the Piedmont and Northern railway at the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing on the application of the railroad to construct extensions to its line.

They are C. A. Cannon, of Concord, president of Cannon Manufacturing company, the largest towel manufacturer in the world, with plant at Kannapolis, and head of several other mills and interested in still others, and John W. Arrington, of Greenville, S. C., head of a bleaching and dyeing plant four miles from Greenville.

Mr. Cannon said that it was his opinion that the construction of the projected extensions to the interurban electric line is required as a matter of public convenience and necessity. He pointed out that this is especially true because of the large number of textile finishing plants seeking locations in the south where they can obtain quick service.

"Quick service is of the greatest importance," the witness said. Further questions brought out that shipments from Kannapolis are 10 to 12 car loads a day and that last year shipments received amounted to 10 to 12 car loads a day. Delays were experienced on the Southern railway, he said. The bulk of the shipments from Kannapolis go to the Middle West and the proposed new electric line would save two or three days, the witness said.

He also said that there are delays in getting empty cars and that switching facilities are not satisfactory.

REMEMBERS MACHIAVELLI

Fourth Centenary of Italian Will, Statesman and Diplomat Will Be Celebrated.

Rome, June 22.—In compliance with a proclamation issued by Premier Mussolini the fourth centenary of the death of Niccolò Machiavelli, the great Italian writer, statesman and diplomatist, is to be observed today by Italians throughout the world. The character of Machiavelli abounded in enigmas and paradoxes, and from his name has been derived a synonym of perfidious policy.

He was born in Florence in 1469. At the age of 30 he was appointed secretary of the Ten who managed the diplomatic affairs of the republic. He retained this office about fourteen years, during which he was employed in many foreign missions to France and other Continental countries, and acquitted himself with great dexterity. In 1510, for the third time, he was sent to France, and negotiated an alliance with Louis XII. He zealously exerted his talents and influence to maintain the independence of Florence, but without success.

In 1512 the Medicos obtained sovereign power in Florence by the aid of the Pope and the Emperor, and Machiavelli was banished from the city, but forbidden to leave the country. He passed several ensuing years in retirement, and during this period composed a treatise on the "Art of War," and his important work entitled "The Prince," which has entailed a large portion of conventional infamy on his name. It was written for the private use of Lorenzo de Medici, and not designed for publication.

About 1520 he was recalled into public service by Leo X., and was employed on several missions, the last of which was to the army of the league against Charles V. He died at Florence on this date in 1527. Machiavelli's last work was an excellent, luminous and picturesque history of Florence, the style of which is greatly admired. He was also the author of several comedies of some merit, and of valuable "Discourses on Livy."

"The character of Machiavelli," says Macaulay, "was hateful to the new masters of Italy. His works were misrepresented by the learned, misconstrued by the ignorant, censured by the Church, abused with all the rancour of stimulated virtue by the minions of a base despotism and the priests of a baser superstition. The name of a man whose genius had illuminated all the dark places of policy, and to whose patriotic wisdom an oppressed people had owed their last chance of emancipation, had passed into a proverb of infamy. The terms in which he is commonly described would seem to import that he was the tempter, the evil principle, the discoverer of ambition and revenge, the original inventor of perjury, etc."

Educational Conference Planned. Chapel Hill, June 22.—(INS)—Chief attention will be devoted to experimental and statistical data relating to the public schools of North Carolina at the annual Conference on Elementary Education at the University of North Carolina here July 14-15, according to the program made public today.

Among topics which will come in for considerable discussion are "methods aimed to improve instruction in elementary schools, teacher supply and demand, and the need for, achievements of, and monetary value of rural supervision."

Jules B. Warren, Raleigh, secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Education Association, and A. T. Allen, state superintendent of public instruction, will be two of the principal speakers at the conference.

Numerous other speakers have been obtained to address the conference and take part in the various discussions that are slated to come up during the two-day session.

Hudson Opens Thriftle to Rush on Essex Cars. New York World. The Hudson Motor Car Company's announcement of a new line of Essex cars finds the distributor dealer organization, consisting of 5,000 outlets, with virtually no stock of Essex cars on hand, according to officials.

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ANOTHER EVOLUTION FIGHT MAY FOLLOW

North Carolina Bible League Will Hold Meeting in Charlotte Soon. By HENRY LESSENSE.

International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Raleigh, June 22.—Foundation for another "anti-evolution" onslaught on the 1927 Legislature was seen here today in the called meeting at Charlotte June 30 of the North Carolina Bible League.

The meeting of the militant body of fundamentalists will be the first since the session at Statesville in January, when the tentative organization of the League was made permanent, and its Legislative platform was drawn up.

Officials and spokesmen for the League, the former "Committee of One Hundred" which had its day back in the 1925 session, have made it plain since the 1927 legislative fiasco that they intend to come back to Raleigh two years hence with another "monkey" bill.

Plans for increasing the membership of the League, and perfecting the organization throughout every nook and corner of the State will be the purpose of the gathering at Charlotte.

The headquarters of the League at Statesville state that the League already has grown to the extent that there are memberships in 60 of the 100 counties in North Carolina.

At its meeting early this year the League adopted a platform setting forth very plainly its purpose as a defender of orthodox views of the Bible and champions of the Fundamentalist movement.

The organization had its representative at the 1927 session of the State Legislature to speak in behalf of the second edition of the "Poole bill." The Poole bill of 1927 was withdrawn when its sponsors found most of the legislative opinion in opposition to the proposal to ban the so-called "evolution theory" from State-supported schools.

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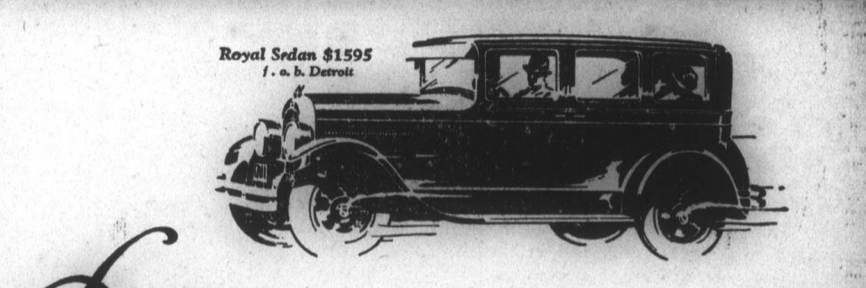
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WORK STARTS NEW CHURCH IN LANDIS

Lutherans Break Ground; Interesting Service; Number Pastors Present. Salisbury Post.

Ground was broken Monday afternoon for the foundation for the new edifice to be erected by the members of the Landis Lutheran church and the event was made the occasion of a most interesting service. A large crowd was present, among the number being a half dozen or more pastors, including those of other denominations in the town of Landis.

The old frame building, erected during the pastorate of Rev. J. L. Morgan, some years ago, has been torn down and the congregation is now worshipping in the school building. The new church will be a modern brick edifice, with a large auditorium and other departments. It is planned to have it completed and ready for occupancy in the late fall of this year.

Fenner and Beane Cotton Letter. New Orleans, June 21.—The market got off to a good start and was strong and higher early owing to rains and increasing volume of weevil complaints. A cable from Japan says cotton acreage in the staple districts of China has decreased 50 per cent and predicts a big reduction in Indian acreage owing to low price and big demand for American cotton from the new crop. Cotton lost a few points on the day's operations due largely to liquidation in July and profit taking in other months. It is a weather market. If it clears up the market likely to have a good reaction but is apt to turn strong again if rains continue. FENNER AND BEANE.

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We've Seen 'Em. He sat at the lunch counter in a cafeteria. He glanced at his watch. Only ten minutes to make that class. He'd have to hurry. He gulped down a sandwich and glass of milk, and then pointing to a pie at the back of the counter, said: "I'll have a piece of that blackberry pie." "That ain't blackberry," said the waitress as she drove off the flies, "it's custard."