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MERCHANTS ARE URGED TO USE 'T. F.' RAILWAY

Receiver Issues Appeal; Says Line Is Not Making Money

An appeal to merchants to use the Tallulah Falls railway as far as possible was broadcast in circular letters this week by J. F. Gray, receiver of the line. Mr. Gray said traffic of the "T. F." this year had not been as good as in 1934 and declared that the line "is not making any money." Two new coaches put into service on the railroad Sunday, he added, were bought on the installment plan in the hope that they would improve passenger traffic.

Following is a copy of Mr. Gray's appeal:

"Mr. Merchant:

"Just a moment of your time, if you please.

"Do you need the Tallulah Falls Railway?"

"What would the effect be on your business should the Railway be discontinued?"

"So far this year our traffic is not as good as during the same period last year. The Railway is not making any money. Would it interest you to know that we are now 'scraping the bottom of the meal barrel'?"

New Coaches Added

"Safe, comfortable and modern passenger equipment has been put into service. Our old passenger cars have been in service for years, and are now practically worn out and obsolete. The day of the wooden passenger car is gone. The Tallulah Falls Railway was faced with the problem of either securing adequate and safe passenger equipment or the abandonment of that service entirely. Do not get the idea that the Railway paid cash for these cars—we say to you frankly that it didn't have it to pay. They were bought on the installment plan with the hope that business would improve sufficiently to enable us to take care of the payments as they become due.

Asks Support

"We are trying to be a good neighbor to you. All cross ties, bridge lumber, and any other material needed for maintenance of the Railway that can be secured locally, is bought from people along its line, and this material, so far, has been promptly paid for. Some of you are absolutely loyal to the Railway and to these good friends we wish to express our deep appreciation. Quite a number of you—to a certain extent—seem to prefer other means of transportation. The management of the Railway feels that its money should be—when ever possible—spent locally; that its purchases should be distributed fairly and equally among its patrons, but—please read this carefully—the management also feels that in turn the people from whom maintenance material is bought should purchase what the Railway has to sell—Transportation.

"Please Think This Matter Over Carefully.

"Tallulah Falls Railway Company, J. F. Gray, Receiver."

Auto Drivers Licenses Soon To Be Ready

ASHEVILLE, June 20.—The new statewide automobile drivers' licenses authorized by the recent legislature will be ready for distribution here in about 10 days, Lieut. L. R. Fisher of the state highway patrol has announced.

The licenses will be distributed free by the state patrol to all motorists applying before November 1. After then a fee of \$2 will be charged.

Alumni Head



RALEIGH . . . James M. Gray (above), of Raleigh, was recently elected president of the general alumni association of North Carolina State College. Mr. Gray, a native of Macon county, was graduated from State College with a B. S. degree in agriculture in 1910. He is state manager of the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau.

Ala., and Mrs. J. W. Pruett, of Weogufka, Ala., are spending several weeks here visiting friends. Miss Rentz formerly taught in the Franklin high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, and Mrs. Broughton Scott, of Hopewell, Va. spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mrs. J. B. Stalcup on 10th street.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Nichols, Jr., and young son, Douglas, have returned to their home on Harrison avenue after spending two weeks in Florence, Ala., visiting Mr. Nichols' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Nichols, Sr.

Mrs. Charlie Welch, of Bryson City, spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Henderson Calloway, and Mr. Calloway at their home on Bidwell street.

Misses Betty Rogers, Leida Be shears and Kate Sellers returned to their homes here last week after spending two weeks in Glen Carbon, Va., and Washington, D. C. visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Bolick.

T. W. Rhodes, Confederate Veteran of near Prentiss, was among the business visitors here Saturday. A. S. Solesbee and J. Horne Stockton spent Tuesday of this week in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Allen and three daughters, Ruth, Nell and Grace, of Hazelwood, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. B. Stalcup at her home on Iota street.

Dr. J. L. West left Monday morning for Blowing Rock to attend the 61st annual convention of the North Carolina State Dental society.

Miss Mary Allman and brother Willie Allman, spent last week with relatives in Atlanta Ga. On their

New Smoky Mountains Guide Book Published

The revised edition of "The Guide to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park" will be off the press on or before July 1, according to Frank A. Barber, of the Inland Press, Asheville, publisher of the profusely illustrated 145-page book which was issued for the first time in 1933. The guide-book is the work of George W. McCoy, State Editor of The Asheville Citizen and The Asheville Times.

Singing Convention To Be Held Here June 30

The Macon County Fifth Sunday Singing convention will be held at the courthouse in Franklin on Sunday, June 30, according to an announcement by J. M. Raby, president of the organization. Mr. Raby said hundreds of singers from Macon and surrounding counties and many from South Carolina and Georgia were expected to attend.

WARNING GIVEN HOME OWNERS

Time for Filing Applications for HOLC Loans To Expire June 27

SALISBURY, N. C., June 20.—The attention of home owners in distress who desire aid of the Home Owners' Loan corporation, was today called to the fact that under the amendment of the HOLC Act, recently passed by congress, the period for filing new applications will expire at midnight, June 27, 1935. After that date, it was stated by T. C. Abernethy, state manager of the corporation here, no applications will be received from home owners who are in distress and who are eligible under the law for assistance, and he urged that all those desiring assistance file their applications at once.

Mr. Abernethy stated that regulations as to eligibility remain virtually unchanged, and those desiring complete explanation of what cases are eligible may receive it either by calling at the state office, Post Office Building, Salisbury, N. C., one of the district offices, or by writing for full information.

District offices are located at Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro, Asheville and Greenville.

28 Millions Loaned

On June 13, 1935, two years to the day since the Home Owners' Loan corporation was created by congress, the corporation in North Carolina had made loans upon 11,125 urban homes threatened with tax sale or foreclosure, the amount of such relief loans totaling \$28,346,483.18, according to Mr. Abernethy.

Since active lending operations began in August, 1933, the corporation in North Carolina has closed loans at an average rate of about \$270,000 per week. Of the \$28,356,483.18 disbursed, approximately \$4,000,000 has been paid out in cash for payment of back taxes for the necessary repairs and for other similar expenses. That the majority of eligible distress mortgages have already been submitted to the corporation is indicated by the small number of new applications filed since May 28 when, for the first time since November 13, 1934, acceptance of new requests for aid was authorized. From May 28 to June 13, only 583 applications were received by the North Carolina Agency, representing an accumulation of six and a half months.

It has been clear from the beginning that the corporation's major activity will be the collection of payments due on its loans. This task is being pressed by the corporation's field offices, through which direct contacts are maintained with each home-owner borrower. Prompt action has been taken against home owners who have been deliberately delinquent, as indicated by failure to make payments when in a position to do so.

Show Coming

Cooke Players To Be Here All of Next Week

The Cooke Players will return to Franklin Monday, June 24, for a week's engagement, according to an announcement by Harry J. Pamplin, manager of the tent show.

Mr. Pamplin said the program this year is better than ever before, including the following plays: "The Scandal Mongers," "The Unwanted Wife," "The Sin of the Father," "Jealousy," "My Old Fashioned Mother," "Don't Lie to Your Wife," and "Little Orphan Annie."

In addition there will be a number of between-the-act features covering the span of mirth, music and melody. As usual the company will have an orchestra.

Open Golf Champion



PITTSBURGH . . . They said anybody who could break 300 for 72 holes over the Oakmont course here would win the National Open Golf crown for 1935. Sam Parks, Jr., 25 (above), shot 299 and won, upsetting a great field of stars. Parks was captain of U. of P. golf team.

FUNERAL HELD FOR MRS. MOSES

Well Known Ellijay Woman Dies After Long Illness

Funeral services for Mrs. D. J. Moses, who died at her home in the Ellijay community at 9 o'clock Saturday night after a long illness, were held Monday afternoon at Sugar Fork Baptist church.

Mrs. Moses had been confined to her bed for a number of months; but despite severe suffering her thoughts were always of the welfare of others.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. John Steward, of Asheville.

The choir, led by O. C. Corbin, of Pine Grove, sang three of Mrs. Moses' favorite hymns—"How Firm a Foundation," "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Burial was in the Sugar Fork cemetery.

Mrs. Moses was born Edith Leonard Brown, daughter of Milton Brown and Mary Jane Blythe Brown, in Tuckasee, Jackson county, September 21, 1868. She was married to D. J. Moses, of this county, April 3, 1890.

Surviving Mrs. Moses are her husband, eight children, 28 grandchildren and five sisters. The surviving children are Mrs. F. E. Mashburn, Gneiss; H. Z. Moses, Glenville; R. N. Moses, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Mrs. C. W. Cabe, Route 1, Franklin; Mrs. Morris Alley, Route 1, Murphy; Mrs. Sidney Godwin, Route 1, Wilson, N. C.; Miss Mayme G. Moses, Ellijay, and Carl D. Moses, Ellijay.

More than 45 years ago Mrs. Moses joined the Church of Christ, of which she was a devoted member.

Captured

Escaped Prisoner Surprised By Deputy Dills

Woodrow Dillard, who escaped from the Macon county jail in December, was captured Saturday morning at his home near Aquone by Deputy Sheriff John Dills. In this connection it was learned that since A. B. Slagle became sheriff all but one of 13 men who have broken jail have been caught and reincarcerated.

Dillard escaped from jail with Clyde Conley, another prisoner, by sawing through the cell bars. Conley, who was being held under a charge of breaking into Jeff Enloe's smokehouse, has not been apprehended; but officers believe that sooner or later he will be caught.

Dillard faces a charge of breaking and entering Howard's store at Aquone. Dills made good his capture by surprising him while at work in a cornfield.

POWER COMPANY TO BE ALLOWED TO ERECT DAM

New TVA Measure Protects 'Rights' of Nantahala Concern

(Reprinted from Asheville Citizen)

WASHINGTON, June 19.—(Special)—The new TVA bill which the house military affairs committee will report to the house next week will contain a provision that will enable the Nantahala Power & Light company to proceed with its development on the Little Tennessee river, provided it secures the permission of the Federal Power commission.

Representative Weaver, who has led the fight against the TVA effort to block the development by buying 20 acres of land in the center of one of the Nantahala Power company's dam sites, said he was satisfied with the provision and he feels certain it will permit the company to move forward with the development, which he says will mean much to western North Carolina, especially the counties of Macon, Swain and Graham. Weaver indicated that he may seek to put a provision in the bill which will prevent the TVA from retaining the 20 acres of land.

"Rights" Protected

Chairman McSwain expressed the opinion that the provision he has written into the new bill will adequately protect the "rights" of the Nantahala Power and Light company and will permit the development of the Little Tennessee.

Chairman A. E. Morgan, of the TVA, defended the purchase of the land in the Little Tennessee basin on the grounds that it was the only way to force the Nantahala Power and Light company, which is a subsidiary of the Aluminum Company of America, to cooperate with the government. He said it was essential that the programs dovetail.

Spokesmen for the Nantahala Power and Light company have denied that they declined to cooperate. Since the Federal Power commission, which is headed by Frank R. McNinch, of Charlotte, will be in position to promote a cooperative spirit between the Nantahala company and the TVA, Morgan will probably take steps to turn over the 20-acre tract.

Improving

Admiral McCully Reported On Road to Recovery

Admiral Newton Alexander McCully, U. S. Navy retired, who entered Angel hospital for treatment Wednesday of last week, was reported today to be well on the road to recovery. Dr. Furman Angel said he expected the former Atlantic fleet commander to be able to leave the hospital within two or three weeks.

The admiral, who is 67 years old, was brought to the hospital here from Highlands. He underwent an operation upon entering the hospital and a second operation was found necessary the first of this week. He withstood both operations well, showing remarkable courage and stamina, according to Dr. Angel.

Mrs. Porter Pierson Seriously Ill in Atlanta

Mrs. Porter Pierson, wife of Highlands' mayor, was reported this week to be in a serious condition in Piedmont hospital in Atlanta, where she underwent an operation three weeks ago.

The negro population of Macon county is listed in the 1930 census as 449.