

First U. S. Train

Left Charleston, S. C., 117 Years Ago

Why the toy train chugging around the Christmas tree in the parlor? No one knows why.

But ask any American "boy"—from toddler to great-grandpa—and he will insist that Christmas just doesn't seem like Christmas without that train.

Perhaps it's because it was on a Christmas day, 117 years ago, that a steam locomotive in regular service pulled a train of

cars on a track on this continent for the first time. Spectators were fascinated by the sight of the "Iron Horse" in motion, according to old records, and everyone knows that some of this fascination was inherited by succeeding generations of Americans.

The historic event, which marked the real beginning of the steam railroad business in this country, occurred at Charleston, S. C., on December 25, 1830. The railroad was the South Carolina Canal and Rail Road company, which is now a part of the Southern Railway System. The locomotive was the famous little "Best Friend of Charleston"—a name given to it by the businessmen who saw in the railroad the means of making Charleston a great seaport by providing good transportation at low cost between the port and the fast develop-

ing inland areas.

A charter to build the railroad had been granted on December 19, 1827, and work was begun at Charleston, January 9, 1830. By the end of 1830, six miles of railroad had been built. On October 1, 1833, the road was opened for its entire length of 136 miles between Charleston and Hamburg, S. C., just across the Savannah River from Augusta, Ga. At that time it was the longest railroad in the world.

Steel Shortage Is Expected To Boost Feldspar Industry

North Carolina feldspar mining interests are looking forward confidently to a return to war-peak feldspar production as a result of the continuing U. S. steel shortage, according to a

report from Spruce Pine, which is the feldspar producing center of the U. S.

Acute shortages in thin steel sheets ordinarily used in making tin cans have prompted the hope, bolstered by reports that the shortage cannot possibly be rectified for at least two years. Feldspar cannot substitute for steel in heavy industries, but glass made from feldspar is said to be ideal for glass containers of all sizes and for most commodities. Most of the feldspar produced in North Carolina is on order from glass manufacturers.

October 1 compensation and pensions were being paid to 801 veterans of the Indian wars, 84 Civil war veterans, 437,768 World War veterans, 42,854 former members of the regular establishment, and 1,715,946 veterans of World War II.

Slagle Cows

Win Recognition From Guernsey Club

Two registered Guernsey cows, owned by A. B. Slagle of Franklin, recently have completed remarkable milk production records which has brought them recognition by the American Guernsey Cattle club, according to an announcement received here from the club.

One cow, "Callie of Belmont View", produced 12,910 pounds of milk and 601 pounds of butterfat in 365 days, to make an outstanding record for a 12-year old.

"Belmont View Ned's Oleander" produced 8,971 pounds of milk and 488 pounds of butterfat to start her official record as a junior two-year old.

The production records of these two cows were supervised by North Carolina State college and come under the advanced register classification of the American Guernsey Cattle club.

Gneiss

By MRS. F. E. MASHBURN
At this season of the year we extend to the readers of The Press sincere good wishes. May love and peace abide in your hearts.

Here in our section we are wonderfully blessed with food, shelter, occupations, a superb climate and soils, and, best of all, an abundance of good neighbors and kind friends, for which we are thankful.

September was the fifth consecutive month during which there was a decrease in the total number of World War II veterans drawing compensation and pensions.



• WE ARE THE WORLD'S MOST INVENTIVE RACE—AND YET WE HAVEN'T FOUND A NEW WAY OF SAYING "MERRY CHRISTMAS." MAYBE IT'S JUST AS WELL!

• IN ANY EVENT, WE CAN PHRASE NO BETTER MESSAGE FOR THIS JOYOUS SEASON THAN THAT ANCIENT WISH.

BERRY'S
FRUIT
MARKET



★ No matter what the language the spirit of Christmas is the same everywhere... in France, in Holland, in Sweden... and in the good old U. S. A. As you celebrate this joyous season in spiritual companionship with people of good will all over the world, it is our hope that this Christmas of 1947 will be the merriest you have ever enjoyed.

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DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOP HERE!

RED EMPEROR GRAPES 2 POUNDS 27c
FALL RUSSETT PEARS 2 POUNDS 25c

ORANGES 8 lb. bag 33c
20 lb bag 75c
40 lb bag 1.39

APPLES Western Delicious 5 Lbs. 59c
Per Box 4.45
STAYMAN APPLES 5 lbs 53c



RAISINS 15c
DATES 23c
ALMONDS 49c
Roll Mix 25c

SAUCE 21c
WALNUTS 35c
Brazil Nuts 41c
PECANS 45c
RAISINS 17c
Fruit for Salad 47c
ORANGE 21c
FLOUR 52c
Preserves 35c

RED - RIPE Cranberries 12 OZ. CELLO BAG 35c
CLEAN CRISP CELERY LARGE STALK 15c



CANDIES
LEMON DROPS
SUGAR CREAM WAFERS
BUTTER MELLOW CREAMS
CELLO BAGS FROM 10c to 43c
BOX CANDIES FROM 39c to 79c
PEPPERMINT SATIN CREAMS
BROCKS CHOCOLATE PEANUT CLUSTER
M. & M. CANDY COATED MILK CHOCOLATE
BUTTER RICH CORN CANDY
CHRISTMAS HARD CANDY MIX
SPICED JELLY DROPS
CARAMEL COATED POPCORN
CHOCOLATE CREAM DROPS
5c CANDY BARS AND GUM
ORANGE SLICES

MILK 25c
Tuna Fish 43c
SYRUP 29c
SAUCE 25c
CATSUP 22c
Pumpkin 27c

YOUNG and TENDER! CAROLINA TURKEYS
for Every Purse and Taste!
Dressed & Drawn... Ready to Stuff



Tom Turkeys
Whole or Half Pound 59c

SMALL YOUNG TURKEYS
8 to 15 Pound Ave. Pound 69c

SMALL SIZES FRESH SKINNED (WHOLE OR HALF) POUND
PORK HAM 55c
FAT HENS 53c
Ducklings 45c
OYSTERS 79c
SAUSAGE 49c
Mince Meat 29c
HAMS Lb. 49c

CUDAHY PURITAN SKINNED SMOKED
HAMS
8 to 14 POUNDS WHOLE or HALF
Pound Tender, Juicy meat 63c



Grape Jam 23c
SUGAR 47c
SUGAR 11c
COFFEE 87c
RELISH 26c

T. C. CHILDS, Store Manager