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SOUTHERN TRUCK AND CAR COMPANY MEETS

Officers and Directors Are Elected and Capital Stock Increased to \$1,000,000—Outlook Appears Bright.

At a meeting of the directors of the Southern Truck and Car corporation of this city, yesterday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. A. Norford, of Greensboro, president and general manager; Judge S. F. Austin, of Nashville, vice-president and chairman of board of directors; Garland Daniel, of Greensboro, secretary and treasurer.

The directors for the new year were chosen as follows: Judge S. F. Austin and C. D. Jones, of Nashville; Judge F. H. Brooks, of Smithfield; W. G. Pope, of Lumberton; Garland Daniel, of Greensboro; W. H. Andrews, of Andrews, S. C.; C. E. Lowe, of Kannapolis; J. T. Aycock, of Fremont, and J. A. Norford of Greensboro.

The sale of \$500,000 worth of capital stock in the corporation was authorized, making the total capital \$1,000,000. The issue will first be offered to present stockholders of the company and in the event it is not all taken by them the remainder will be disposed of to other persons.

Officials of the corporation are enthusiastic as to the prospects for successful operation in the new year. It is stated that the company has contracted for and has made deposits on 500 passenger cars and 250 automobile trucks for the year 1920, with provision for extension of these contracts.

The plant, which is located a short distance west of the city, will be a 10-unit enterprise, with two of the units already constructed. The others will be added later. The corporation was organized during the past year and already has become one of the important industries of this section. The development of the company's business is expected to play a large part in the plans being unfolded here with a view to making Greensboro a center of the automobile industry.

It was agreed that meetings of the directors would be held in Greensboro on the second Friday in each third month; in other words, quarterly meetings will be held, the purpose being to provide for maximum cooperation between the officers and directors with both devoting close personal attention to the business.

The sessions of the stockholders and the directors extended over an unusually long period. Deliberations began Tuesday afternoon and continued through the remainder of the afternoon and all night, adjourning at 7:15 Wednesday morning. Yesterday morning the sessions again were resumed and were completed yesterday afternoon. Much of the time was taken by the credentials committee.

At the stockholders' meeting 2,885 votes were cast in person, while there were 19,571 proxies. Approximately 2,300 shareholders were represented, these being from practically every section of North Carolina, while there also was representation from South Carolina. Discussion of the affairs of the corporation was featured by a divergence of views on some subjects, but in the end the idea prevailed that the future of the corporation is very bright, while substantial and gratifying progress accomplished during the past year also was alluded to.

The deliberations of the stockholders and directors required more time, according to available information, than those of any other annual meeting of officials of a commercial enterprise in bodies naturally are rather rare.

Mr. Norford succeeds himself as president of the corporation and Mr. Daniel in addition to his former duties as treasurer becomes secretary. The list of directors discloses an unusually able body of men, representing many different sections geographically and also as to the interests of those in control. Judge Austin, for example, presides over the recorder's court in Nashville, Judge Brooks is head of the recorder's court in Johnston county and an able lawyer, Mr. Jones is president of a bank at Nashville and merchants, successful farmers and business men are members of the board.—Greensboro News, 22nd.

Rev. J. J. Langston has been called to the pastorate of the Dunn Christian church to succeed Rev. F. F. Grimm, of Wilson. Mr. Langston is a native of Johnston county. He has been preaching in Nebraska for the last nine years and is one of the best ministers of the Christian faith. He will preach his first sermon here Sunday. He is married and has four children. His family will follow him as soon as quarters can be found.—Dunn Dispatch.

Newly Elected Grand Master.

Dr. James C. Braxwell, of Whitakers, was elected Grand Master of North Carolina Masons Wednesday night at the annual meeting in Raleigh.

COUNTY EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Group Meetings for the Rural Teachers of Johnston County.

The following Group Meetings will be held next week: Rehoboth school, Tuesday, January 27th; Polenta, January 28th; Thanksgiving, January 29th; Royall, Elevation, January 30th.

A Group Teachers' Meeting has been held at the following places this week: Princeton, Glendale and Archer Lodge. The meetings have been very interesting and well attended. There has been a hundred percent of the teachers present, and a good representation of committeemen and patrons from each school district. Below is the program for these meetings:

- 9:00-9:15—Model Opening Exercise.
- 9:15-11:00—Observation of teachers in Group Center School.
- 11:00-11:30—Recess, Supervised play.
- 11:30-12:00—Model lesson in Reading.
- 12:00-1:00—Picnic lunch.
- 1:00-1:45—Discussion of Model Lesson by Miss Augusta Anderson.
- 1:45-3:30—Supt. Hipps discusses Reading Circle work, comparison of reports from schools represented, Community Activities, equipment, school room decoration, morning exercises, daily schedules, care of the building and grounds, and a larger type of school for next year.
- 3:00-4:00—Round table discussion by committeemen and teachers.

Berger's Campaign.

The Governor of Wisconsin announces that he will not call another special election in the fifth Wisconsin district. This is the district which has twice elected Berger the disloyalist, who has twice been refused a seat in Congress. The Socialists of the district were preparing to elect Berger a third time, or try it, when the Governor announced that he would not call another special election. Berger, be it remembered, was not refused a seat in Congress because he is a member of the Socialist party. Other Socialists have served in Congress. He was rejected because he openly and boldly opposed the war and advised opposition to the draft after this country had declared war. He was convicted of disloyalty in the courts and is under sentence of 20 years in prison, being out on bail while his case is on appeal.

It is well to keep these facts in mind, for attempt is being made to have it appear that Berger was rejected because he is a Socialist. The first time he was turned down by Congress but one member had the nerve to vote for him. The last time six stood by him. The last time six stood by him and some of these, prominent members, championed his cause. They took the ground that the people of the fifth Wisconsin district had a right to be represented in Congress and theirs was the right to choose the sort of representative they wanted. That sounds very well, but it is passing strange that men of the ability of Mr. Mann of Illinois would take that position. In the first place the constitution gives to each house of Congress the sole authority to pass on the eligibility of its members; and to contend that the people can send to Congress any sort of man would mean of course that any man who might get himself elected to Congress, no matter if he be a burglar, murderer or any other sort of criminal out on bail; or an convict who had served his term; or an advocate of force and violence against constitutional authority, must be seated and have all the rights and privileges of membership in our national legislature.

Of course that is unthinkable, but that is where the logic of the Berger advocates leads. Of course there is danger that men may be made to suffer simply for opinion's sake, but in our efforts to avoid the one extreme we need not go the limit the other way. Voight of Wisconsin, the only member to vote for Berger the first time, was joined by two other Republicans—Mann of Illinois and Harrold of Oklahoma—and by three Democrats. The latter are Sisson of Mississippi, Sherwood of Ohio and Griffin of New York. Sabbath, a Democrat of Illinois, dodged the issue by voting "present." The men who voted for Berger have the right to their opinions but the country should know who it is that hold such opinions.—Statesville Landmark.

Dunn to Have New Hotel.

With more than \$40,000 subscribed by less than one-fourth of the men who are expected to contribute, Dunn hotel prospects were exceedingly bright when canvassers Thursday night completed the first stage of their drive for \$150,000 to build a modern hotel during the present year, says the Dunn Dispatch.

POWHATAN HELPLESS AT SEA.

Anxiety Felt for Safety of Transport And Passengers—Canadian Government Steamer Standing By.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 21.—Anxiety was felt in marine circles tonight for the safety of the United States army transport Powhatan and her 271 passengers, after a wireless message was received from Captain Travis, of the Canadian government steamship Lady Luarier, stating that his vessel was alongside the transport and that weather conditions were bad. The brief radio said:

"Lady Luarier alongside Powhatan. Weather conditions bad." The disabled transport Powhatan, without light or heat and her fire rooms flooded with water, was plunging about in a heavy sea this afternoon 300 miles from this port with no immediate prospect of obtaining a tow or having her 271 passengers taken off.

During the night the freighter Western Comet succeeded in getting a line aboard and towing the transport 48 miles toward this port, when she was compelled to abandon the effort. The transport Northern Pacific and other boats are standing by ready to take off her passengers and render other assistance as soon as the seas moderate so it can be given.

New York, Jan. 21.—A message sent by Captain W. B. Randall of the Powhatan, to army officials here, said: "Attempted transfer of passengers and stopped on account of weather conditions, which growing rapidly worse. Powhatan in safe condition. Please send seagoing American tugs. Western Comet towed us 48 miles toward Halifax."

Orders issued to the transport Martha Washington, now at sea, to proceed to the Powhatan's assistance, were cancelled.

In North Carolina peculiar and keen interest in the plight of the Powhatan is felt because Mrs. Margaret Busbee Shipp, of Raleigh, well known throughout the state, is one of her 271 passengers. She is with her son, Capt. W. E. Shipp.—Charlotte Observer.

Cheaper Clothes Alleged Possible.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Material reductions in clothing prices may be expected from nation-wide adoption by the clothing trade of suggestions put forward by a committee of the National Retail Dry Goods association, it was stated tonight by Howard E. Figg, special assistant attorney general, after he had conferred with the representatives of the dry goods retailers.

Suggestions of the retailers, which are understood to apply to the retail, wholesale and manufacturing factories, will be made public tomorrow. One of the retailers' proposals was said to be that the manufacturer stand the entire increased cost due to any future advance in wages, the retailers taking the position that increases incident to wages can no longer be passed on to the public.

Young Woman Loses Life in Fire.

Demorest, Ga., Jan. 21.—Miss Florence Weeks, of Atlanta, was fatally burned and a half dozen other girls received injuries when the Mary J. Green Hall of Piedmont college here was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin early today. Seventy-eight girls and six teachers were in the building at the time of the fire and many had narrow escapes. The property was valued at \$45,000.

New Paper for Smithfield Proposed.

At a meeting of several citizens of Smithfield held Monday night, a movement for the establishment of another newspaper and general printing business was started.

We understand that it was decided to begin business as soon as an outfit and a location could be secured. Pending the complete subscription of the capital stock, permanent organization was deferred until another meeting to be called by the committee selected to solicit stock.

Messrs. J. A. Wellons, W. R. Sanders and Prof. H. B. Marrow were selected as a committee to suggest a name to be submitted at the next meeting. Messrs. Paul Whitehead, H. C. Woodall and Chas. Davis were asked to investigate all locations that are available and make their report at the same time. Messrs. Chas. A. Creech and S. S. Holt were delegated to solicit stock up to the amount of \$25,000.

Those present at the meeting, and subscribing for stock, were W. H. Austin, Geo. T. Pool, J. W. Stephenson, J. D. Underwood, J. A. Wellons, W. A. Green, H. G. Gray, E. F. Ward, Chas. Davis, W. R. Sanders, W. D. Aver, S. S. Holt, W. L. Woodall's Sons, Z. L. LeMay, J. L. Scotton, F. K. Broadhurst, Sam T. Honeycutt, Whitehead & Springs, H. B. Marrow, Lyric Theatre and E. F. Boyett.

JOHNSTON COUNTY CONGRATULATED.

To the Editor: May I have the privilege of congratulating the citizens of Johnston County on the splendid progress they have made in the development and promotion of the County Y. M. C. A. The hearty interest and enthusiasm with which they have undertaken this constructive work for the upbuilding of the boys and young men of their county and in fact, all the people of the county, is another evidence that they are wide awake and far sighted citizens.

The County Work of the Young Men's Christian Association is one of the forward movements of the day and no county would be abreast of the times without this constructive program and policy for community building. Those men who are directly responsible for putting Johnston County at the forefront of this great movement are to be highly commended. They are not only making it possible to conserve the finest and best in the boyhood and manhood of the community, but they are also making it possible for the schools, churches, homes and civic organizations to combine their efforts and cooperate more intelligently in a united program for the uplift and development of their county in every way.

C. WALTON JOHNSON, Community Boys' Work Secretary, Asheville, N. C., Jan. 20.

Gov. Bickett at Tuskegee Institute.

Governor Bickett made an address this week before the Tuskegee Farmers' Conference at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. Nearly half a hundred negroes of North Carolina were in attendance. In the Governor's message to the farmers of Alabama, he pointed out the efforts being made in North Carolina to have every farmer own his own home.

Several issues important to the colored race were considered at this conference. It went on record reaffirming its opposition to the alleged discrimination practised by railroads as to charging negroes first class fare and providing them with third and fourth class accommodations. Lynching was deplored. They said that if negroes commit crimes they should be punished by the courts and not by lynching. Among other things the farmers were urged to grow more food.

Weight of a Bushel of Cotton Seed.

An Arkansas reader bought cotton seed from a Georgia grower. The grower shipped 30 pounds as a bushel, whereas in Arkansas a bushel of cotton seed is 33-1-3 pounds or 60 bushels to the ton. He writes: "We are selling these seed at exactly what they cost. Should the party in Georgia furnish us 33-1-3 pounds to the bushel, 60 bushels to the ton, or if he is right in his claim of 30 pounds to the bushel, should we give our customers 33-1-3 pounds to the bushel?"

Bailey's Cyclopedia of American Agriculture gives the legal weight of a bushel of cotton seed in those states having such standard as follows: Arkansas, 33-1-3 lbs. to bushel. Alabama, 32 lbs. to bushel. Florida, 32 lbs. to bushel. Georgia, 30 lbs. to bushel. Mississippi, 32 lbs. to bushel. Missouri, 33 lbs. to bushel. North Carolina, 30 lbs. to bushel. South Carolina, 30 lbs. to bushel. Tennessee, 28 lbs. to bushel. Texas, 32 lbs. to bushel. Virginia, 32 lbs. to bushel.

Both the law and custom seem to support the Georgia grower in giving only 30 pounds of cotton seed to the bushel. It seems to us the better plan for our reader to follow is to give his Arkansas customers, who regard 33-1-3 pounds as a bushel of cotton seed, that weight for a bushel and add sufficient to the price to make him whole, or to make up the loss in weight. This will be less likely to cause dissatisfaction for the Arkansas farmers, having been accustomed to regard 33-1-3 pounds as a bushel, will naturally expect that weight for a bushel. If 30 pounds of cotton seed cost \$3, then 33-1-3 pounds will cost \$3.33-1-3. In other words, to enable our reader to buy at 30 pounds to the bushel and sell at 33-1-3 pounds he must add a little over 11 per cent to the cost to come out even.—Progressive Farmer.

Fayetteville Exports Oil.

That Fayetteville exports oil is a fact known to few residents of the city. Such is the case. A Fayetteville manufacturing firm, the Georgia Pine Turpentine Company has a regular line of oil tanks which are kept busy carrying the product of the local plant to mine operators, but much of the oil goes to mines in British Columbia. Only Saturday a large shipment was made to the British possession. The product so shipped is flotation oil, says a Fayetteville dispatch in News and Observer.

MIDDLE WEST NEWSPAPERS ARE HIT BY CANADIAN LAW.

Washington, Jan. 20.—American newspapers in the middle west apparently will be 40 per cent. short on their supply of paper, the state department announced today as the result of an embargo placed by the Canadian government on all shipments of newsprint paper to the United States from the plant of the Fort Francis company, in western Ontario. The department said it was informed that the western provinces of Canada were undergoing a severe paper famine, the newspapers in some cities having suspended and in one case having joined in a single condensed daily sheet.

Virginia Hills Scene of Murder.

A double tragedy in which two young men were killed took place Saturday night about two miles from Cana, Va. The young men were brothers, Thomas Stutler, age 21, and Rawleigh Stutler, age 19. The trouble grew out of an altercation these boys had with George Woods and Curtis Easter at a store on the face of the mountain. All four of the young men are single. On Saturday afternoon they secured some liquor and were drinking. They left the store arguing.

Early Sunday morning Tom King passed along the road that led to Cana and found the Stutler boys dead and frozen stiff. Help was summoned, and a hunt was soon begun for George Woods and Curtis Easter. Easter, it seems, had procured an automobile and escaped over the mountains. George Woods was found later in the day in the mountain fastnesses near Hillsville. He was placed in Hillsville jail, charged with the murder of the two brothers.

Sand Costly to Leather Dealers.

Chinese sand is being imported to Wilmington at \$3 a pound, or \$6,000 a ton. It is not used for building purposes, however, or for any purpose, according to leather manufacturers.

The explanation is that raw skins come here from the Celestial empire, this being a leading glazed kid center. The price of the skins runs about \$3 a pound. Nothing could be more natural to the ingenious Celestial than to increase the weight by adding sand.

The result is the several plants in Wilmington gradually acquire a big pile of Chinese sand at about nineteen cents an ounce. One superintendent estimated he obtained more than 200 pounds from Chinese hides last year.—Wilmington, Delaware, dispatch.

\$1,000,000 Yarn Mill Contracts Let.

Plans have been completed for the \$1,000,000 mill which the Durham, (N. C.) Hosiery Mills will build at Mebane and the contract for construction has been awarded. The architect and engineer in charge is J. E. Sirrine, of Greenville, S. C., and he has designed the buildings for an installation of 10,000 spindles with electric power drive.

The product will be 6,000 pounds of hosiery yarn every day, for consumption in the various hosiery knitting mills of the Durham Company throughout this state.

Garment Workers Get New Advance.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Garment workers here, through their union, have obtained another wage advance, following a large increase last fall, this one averaging 16 to 17 per cent and retroactive to December 15, with the contract running three years. Employees receiving \$35 and more, but less than \$50 weekly, are granted \$6 advance, while those getting \$50 and more are granted \$5 advance. The wage base now is \$44, compared with \$24 in 1914. Employers say rumors of an intended lockout next summer are absurd.

Major Tomlinson, High Point, Dead.

Durham, N. C., Jan. 21.—Major Finley Tomlinson, president of the Tomlinson Chair company, of High Point, N. C., since its organization and for forty years a leading manufacturer and scholar of North Carolina, died here this afternoon at 1:15 o'clock. His death was due to old age and Bright's disease. He was 80 years of age.

Wage War on Low-Neck Dresses.

A notice posted on the door of one Paris house of worship reads: "No woman will be allowed to attend service in the church whose dresses are cut low in the neck and whose skirts do not reach at least to their ankles."

One priest refused to conduct the marriage service for a bride whose dress was, in his opinion, not fitted for a church. Probably this was the first occasion of the postponement of a marriage ceremony for such a reason.

FILE INCOME TAX RETURNS.

State Divided Into Ten Districts—Johnston County In Fifth District With A. E. Beddingfield Chief.

It is now time for the Income Tax returns for the year 1919 to be filed, and within a few days forms for this purpose will be in the hands of all corporations and individuals who have heretofore listed returns, says a bulletin sent out from Collector J. W. Bailey's office. Those who are liable to file returns and do not receive a form should make application at once for forms upon which to make their returns.

The State has recently been divided into ten divisions, with an office established in each division, in order to bring closer together the taxpayer and the Collector's Office. The divisions in North Carolina are, as follows: Asheville, H. A. Love, Chief—Counties of Buncombe, Madison, Henderson, Polk, Transylvania, Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon.

Charlotte, P. G. Kiser, Chief—Counties of Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Anson, Richmond, Union, Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland, Rutherford.

Greensboro, W. R. Plott, Chief—Counties of Guilford, Caswell, Rockingham, Alamance, Orange, Davidson, Montgomery, Randolph.

New Bern, W. T. Woodley, Chief—Counties of Carteret, Craven, Jones, Onslow, Pamlico, Greene, Lenoir, Wayne.

Raleigh, A. E. Beddingfield, Chief—Counties of Franklin, Wake, Granville, Vance, Warren, Durham, Person, Johnston, Chatham, Lee, Moore, Cumberland, Hoke, Harnett.

Rocky Mount, W. S. Moye, Chief—Counties of Edgecombe, Nash, Wilson, Halifax, Northampton, Bertie, Gates, Hertford.

Statesville, C. H. Hayes, Chief—Counties of Alexander, Iredell, Rowan, Stanley, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Avery, McDowell, Watauga, Yancey, Mitchell.

Washington, W. C. Rodman, Chief—Counties of Beaufort, Hyde, Martin, Pitt, Chowan, Perquimmons, Tyrrell, Washington, Camden, Currituck, Dare Pasquotank.

Wilmington, W. A. McGowan, Acting Chief—Counties of Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender, Robeson, Scotland, Bladen, Columbus, Duplin, Sampson.

Winston-Salem, N. L. Cranford, Chief—Counties of Davie, Forsyth, Yadkin, Stokes, Surry, Alleghany, Ash, Wilkes.

It is desired by the Collector of Internal Revenue that every person wishing information concerning the making of reports and the payment of tax should first communicate with the Division Office in the division in which he lives. If the results obtained from the Division Office are not satisfactory, the taxpayer may then deal directly with the Collector's Office, at Raleigh.

The response to inquiries, however, and such information as can be furnished by the division offices will be more quickly received than from the Collector's office, owing to the rush and confusion during the report-filing period.

All reports for the calendar year ending December 31st, 1919, are required, by law, to be filed on or before March 15th. It is suggested, however, that the taxpayers do not wait until the last days to file their reports, as immediate attention will insure them more satisfactory results, because of the confusion that is bound to exist during the last few days of the filing period.

There must be paid, when the return is filed, at least one-fourth of the amount of tax shown to be due thereon. Full payment, however, will be appreciated, as it eliminates that much of detail work in the Collector's office, possible errors and much annoyance to the taxpayer.

All payments of taxes should be made by check, post office or express money order, and payable to J. W. Bailey, Collector. Any one giving a check made payable otherwise does so at his own risk, as the Collector has stated he will not be responsible for checks or other remittances not made payable to him, as Collector.

During the filing period there will be a deputy collector in practically every vicinity in North Carolina, certainly within reach of all persons having to make a return.

Man Held in Harnett for Wife Murder

The exhumation of the body of Mrs. J. Washington Bryant, of Harnett county Monday furnished no further evidence against her husband who is charged with her murder. Mrs. Bryant was shot to death last Monday week. Bryant admitted that he killed her, but pleaded that the revolver discharged accidentally. The man was arrested Saturday when he went to Dunn for Saturday's shopping. The lawyer retained by relatives of the deceased insists that there is sufficient evidence upon which to hold the man without bond.