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M. T. BRITT NOMINATED AS CO-OP DIRECTOR

Cotton Coops Select Benson Banker To Represent Fifth District.

Mr. M. T. Britt, cashier of the Farmers Commercial Bank of Benson, was nominated director to represent the fifth district of the Cotton Cooperative Association when the votes were counted here Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock. The balloting committee was composed of Messrs S. P. Honeycutt, of Benson, W. H. Flowers, of Four Oaks, and J. P. Parker who lives on Smithfield, Route One. Ballots from individual members of the Cotton Cooperative Association were received up until 6 o'clock Monday afternoon, none which were received after that hour being counted. Only two names figured prominently in the voting, Mr. Britt and Mr. W. H. Austin, who has heretofore represented the district. Mr. Britt received 442 votes and Mr. Austin 293, making the majority in favor of Mr. Britt 149. Two counties only, Johnston and Wilson, comprise the fifth district.

On next Monday, June 18, the directors will meet in Raleigh where the nominations will be confirmed.

Mr. Britt is a banker of some prominence, being among the number asked to contribute articles to the Special Banker's Edition of the News and Observer recently issued out by that paper. He is a member of the Agricultural Committee of the North Carolina Bankers Association. With splendid business qualifications he is well fitted to fill the position to which he has been chosen.

LUTHER MILLS KITCHIN DECLINES NOMINATION

Rocky Mount, June 12.—Luther Mills Kitchin, son of the late Claude Kitchin, tonight declined nomination as the Democratic candidate for the unexpired term in Congress to which his father had been elected and the Democratic executive committee which tendered Mr. Kitchin the nomination adjourned until Wednesday, June 20, at 2:30 p. m., when final action will be taken on the method by which the Democratic candidate will be chosen.

The committee has full power, to act for the party under an official ruling made by Attorney General James S. Manning, but it is considered probable that the question will be submitted to the voters of the district in a primary to precede the special election which Governor Cameron Morrison is expected to call for August.

So far, the only candidates in the race are Superior Court Judge John H. Kerr of Warrington, Solicitor Richard G. Allsbrook of Tarboro and N. J. Rouse, Kinston Attorney. These candidates and any others who may announce in the meantime have been invited to consult with the committee at its meeting next week. John G. Dawson, of Kinston, and W. L. Long, of Halifax, speaker of the House and president pro tempore of the Senate, respectively, in the last General assembly were prominently mentioned as candidates immediately after the death of Mr. Kitchin, which occurred on May 31, but both have formally declined to run on account of the pressure of business affairs.

The action of the committee in tendering the nomination to Mr. Kitchin was unanimous, but came only after a session which took the committee into two counties and lasted for more than three hours, opposition to the plan developing from both within and without the committee. The opposition came principally from counties which have avowed candidates.

Mr. Kitchin had taken the position that he would not consider the nomination unless it came without friction and when he was appraised of the real situation by telephone he declined the tender, although the resolutions adopted received the unanimous vote of the committee.

Mrs. J. J. Broadhurst went to Richmond, Va., Monday to be with her little son, Jack, Jr., who will be in a hospital there two weeks for treatment. Her mother, Mrs. Ed Borden, of Goldsboro, is with her children here while she is away.

KANSAS FLOODS CAUSE HAVOC

Several Dead And Thousands Homeless; Property Loss Exceeds Five Million Dollars

Kansas City, June 11.—Seven dead, many reported missing, thousands homeless and property loss exceeding \$5,000,000 was the known toll tonight of floods which have sent virtually every stream in Kansas and northern Oklahoma to the highest stage in years.

The Kansas river and tributaries tonight were reported falling, thus removing the immediate danger in northern Kansas. In southern Kansas, however, the valley of the Verdigris, Neosho, Walnut and other streams were inundated.

Arkansas City and Winfield, in south-central Kansas, the cities hardest hit, tonight were under patrol of American legion and Kansas national guardsmen. Red Cross and other agencies were endeavoring to care for the homeless.

The Chamber of Commerce at Arkansas City appealed for \$500,000 to aid the flood sufferers. The chamber estimated the damage at Arkansas City at more than \$3,000,000. At Winfield the damage was estimated between one and one and a half millions.

At Wichita, which suffered heavy damage Saturday, the situation was reported greatly improved tonight.

Hundreds of American legion men and city employes were working tonight to prevent further breaks in the docks.

Scenes of Havoc and Ruin
The big Arkansas, which converges with the Little Arkansas north of Wichita, was reported as about stationary.

In Winfield the scenes of havoc and ruin today were said to surpass those of any other disaster in the city's 50 years of existence.

The Kansas river stood at 19.3 feet tonight at Topeka and was slowly falling. This is a fall of 2.5 feet since Sunday. There now seems no danger of a flood in Topeka.

Although many were reported missing at Arkansas City and 3,000 were homeless, only one person is known to have lost his life.

Damage running into millions was reported from northern Oklahoma as a rush of water swept down from Southern Kansas.

Hundreds of persons have been rendered homeless but there were no confirmed reports of loss of life.

Train service throughout the state has been interrupted and damage to state highways will run to nearly \$1,000,000, State Highway Commissioner Nesbitt estimates.

Jess Williard Helps
The Arkansas river was out of its banks from the Kansas border to the Arkansas line, flooding thousands of acres of farm lands. At Tulsa the Arkansas was falling slightly, but a warning from the weather bureau at Fort Smith, Arkansas, stated a further rise tonight is expected.

The Tonkawa and Burbank oil fields are completely cut off from the outside.

Damage to property crops and livestock in Kay county is estimated at \$2,000,000, according to Ponca City advices.

Heavy damage was sustained at the 101 ranch near Ponca City.

Thrilling rescues at the ranch were affected by Jess Williard, former heavyweight boxing champion. The big Kansan waded into many pools rescuing women and children and livestock. In one instance he went down into deep water to cut loose two horses that had become entangled.—Associated Press.

THREE YEAR OLD BOY SCALDED TO DEATH

David Barnes, the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clete Barnes, who live near Barnesville, died at a local hospital Friday night from scalds received when he fell backwards into a tub of boiling water at the home about 3 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The boy was playing in the yard near the tub of water which had been placed there for the purpose of washing clothes, and in some manner tripped himself and fell backwards into the water.

As soon as the accident occurred the child was rushed to the Thompson hospital here, living only a few hours.—The Robesonian.

NUMBER HOMICIDES IN UNITED STATES GROWS

U. S. Murder Record Nine Per 100,000 Population; Has No Equal.

New York, June 13.—Drastic federal legislation for the control of firearms as the means of checking the steadily growing homicide rate, was urged by The Spectator, an insurance periodical, today, making public homicide statistics for 1922, which showed a slaying rate in 28 of the largest cities of nine per 100,000 population.

"The record since 1900," said the review, "reflects an attitude of lawlessness and indifference to human life without parallel in the history of mankind. The outstanding facts of America's murder record are:

"First, the excessive proportion of criminals who go unpunished, or who fail to get punishment proportional to their offenses.

"Second, the large majority of murders committed by shooting, as the result of the ease with which revolvers and ammunition can be secured even where the law prohibits their sale.

Presenting statistics of the census bureau to show that nearly five out of every seven murders in the 12 years were committed with firearms, the review said:

"While a beginning has been made in some states to control firearms, there is probably no alternative than congressional action of meeting the murder problem."

"Capital punishment," the review concludes, "is not a sufficient deterrent of homicide crimes, to justify its continuance," and should be abolished as "a relic of barbarism."

Against 366 deaths from murder in 1921, there were 331 in 1922, the review said, which showed Memphis again heading the homicide rate list with 67.4 per 100,000, of population. Spokane was at the other end of the list with one per 100,000. Nashville, Tennessee, had the second highest rate, 30.7. New Orleans was third with 21 and St. Louis fourth with 16.9. Other cities with "excessive rates were given as:

Cincinnati, Ohio, 14.6; Louisville, Ky., 13.1; Los Angeles 12.9; Chicago 11.8; Dayton, Ohio, 11.7; Washington, D. C., 10.5 and Baltimore, 10.2.

Cities with low rates included Milwaukee, 2.9 Boston 3.6; Seattle, 5.4 and Minneapolis 5.5.

"On account of a few exceptional outstanding cases," said the review, "the New York city murder record is always more or less in the line light, although the New York rate of 5.8 is much below the national average."—Associated Press.

BOILER BURSTS AT RICHLANDS; 1 DEAD

One End of Boiler Thrown 250 Yards Crashed Through Roof of Mr. Walter Rand's Home.

New Bern, June 12.—Nat Sylvester, wealthy business man, was killed instantly; Hugh Mills, young bookkeeper, believed to have been fatally injured, and Paul Patrick, fireman, severely scalded, when a 100-horsepower steam boiler exploded and wrecked the Banks and Thomas gin and saw mill at Richlands this morning at 11 o'clock, it was learned here over long distance this afternoon.

The explosion, thought to have been the result of a defective inspirator on water connections to the boiler, completely wrecked the plant at a loss of ten thousand dollars, hurled one end of the boiler, weighing some two tons a distance of 250 yards, where it struck the ground, bounced up and crashed in through the roof of the home of Walter Rand, injuring Mrs. Rand and her little daughter slightly.

Residents of the little town rushed from their homes terror stricken as their houses rocked from the detonation of the explosion, which, it was said, was heard for miles around, to drag the bodies of the dead and injured from the ruins. Mr. Sylvester was in the mill at the time arranging to have some timber sawed and was killed instantly by flying timbers. Mills was buried beneath the wreckage and badly mangled, while Patrick sustained his scalds in the boiler room.

CHINESE PRESIDENT IS NOW A PRISONER

Forced Out of Office by Plot—President's Train Surrounded By Troops.

Tientsin, June 14.—Li Yuan-Hung, president of the Chinese republic, is being held a prisoner aboard his special train in the central railway station here at an early hour this morning, following his flight from the capital at Peking yesterday. The train is surrounded by troops acting under the direct orders of Wang Cheng-Ping, governor of Chili province.

The troops allowed American Consul Jay C. Huston to enter the station, but would not permit him to board President Li's train to confer with the executive. The British consul was forcibly prevented from approaching the train. The president is being held, it is said, because he has possession of the government seals which he carried with him in his flight from the capital.

Peking, July 13.—China's "Christian general," Feng Yu-Hsiang, was the active military power behind the plot which today forced President Li Yuan-Hung out of office and sent him in flight to Tientsin.

General Feng, with Wang Huai-Ching, head of the metropolitan police force of Peking, yesterday handed their resignations to President Li, declaring they no longer could hold office while their troops and patrolmen were unpaid.

President Li countered with a request that they withdraw their resignations. When Feng saw that Li was determined to hold the presidency he issued his ultimatum that unless Li vacated, Feng's troops would enter the capital. Then followed Li's flight to Tientsin.

In the light of the above and other recent dispatches from Peking, three men, all militarists, stand out from the political haze enveloping the Chinese capital. They are Feng Yu-Hsiang, the "Christian general," Wang Huai-Ching, head of the Peking district police, and Tsao Kun, head of the Chihli party. A notable absentee from prominence is Wu Pei Fu, regarded as the military sponsor of President Li Yuan-Hung's fallen cabinet.

Feng, military inspector of the Peking metropolitan area, has made his mark in the recent history of China in three different directions, fervor for the Christian religion has stamped all his activities with its impress, while his administrative ability and military efficiency have been conspicuous features of his record. It was his army, said to be perhaps the best trained corps in China, that carried Wu Pei-Fu to victory last year against Chang Tso-Lin, and forced Chang to retire to his Manchurian stronghold. A few months ago, however, difference were reported between Wu and Feng and the latter became chief of the Peking military district.—Associated Press.

WIDOW RAISES THREE MISSIONARY CHILDREN

Greenwood, S. C., June 9.—It is not every widowed mother that is able to experience the happy thrill as that of Mrs. A. C. White, of this city, who, today rejoices in the graduation along with the first women to graduate in medicine from the Richmond Medical College, of her youngest daughter, Miss Leta White, and who has lived to see her three children, though they were reared in an orphanage, become prominent missionaries. Mrs. A. C. White is the proud mother of the Rev. Maxie G. White, prominent young Baptist missionary, to Bahia, Brazil, Miss Pauline White, missionary to Pernambuco, Brazil, and Miss Leta White, who, though she is just finishing her education today, expects to become a medical missionary, probably to China.

These plucky girls and this boy are graduates from the Connie Maxwell Orphanage School, and the girls are alumnae of the Greenville Woman's College at Greenville, S. C. Miss Pauline is also a graduate of the Baptist Training School for Girls at Louisville, Ky., Maxie G., is an alumna of Furman University at Greenville, S. C., and of the Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

SAFETY PRIZES ARE WON IN NORTH CAROLINA

Elsie Grady Of Kenly Wins Third Prize—A Check For Five Dollars And Bronze Medal

Washington, D. C., June 15.—Eleven elementary school pupils won state prizes for North Carolina in the last national safety campaign, according to an announcement today by the Highway Education Board. These tokens, checks and medals, have been sent State Superintendent Brooks for presentation.

First honors in the essay contest were awarded an essay by E. Randolph Dozier, a pupil in the Elizabeth City graded school, Elizabeth City. He receives a gold medal and a check for fifteen dollars, and in addition his essay will represent North Carolina in the national competition for three valuable prizes. Second honors, a silver medal and a check for ten dollars, were won by Laura G. Butler, of Washington, North Carolina.

Nine other pupils receive third prizes, checks for five dollars and bronze medals. They are: Mildred Alexander, Statesville; Elsie Grady, Kenly; Irene Higgin, Winston-Salem; Emily Dewey Mitchell, Chapel Hill; Thos. Freeman, Roper; Doris Stephenson, Seaboard; Mary Frances High Point; Nettie Griffin, Neuse; and Margaret Burnett, Asheville.

In a competition among elementary school teachers who were invited to submit practical lessons teaching children safe behavior on the highways, state honors were awarded a lesson by Miss Jessie L. Hodges, a teacher in East School, Rocky Mount. Her lesson will represent North Carolina in the national lesson contest.

Four hundred seventy-eight checks and medals are being mailed by the Board to elementary school pupils of the nation, winners for their respective states in the safety contest. These prizes have an aggregate value of \$6,500, the gift of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce and a part of its contribution to the encouragement of safety education throughout the country.

The 478 pupils to receive prizes, and the 174-four teachers for each state and territory—represent a select group out of more than 500,000 pupils and teachers who are believed to have contributed essays and lessons.

One pupil in each state receives a gold medal and a check for fifteen dollars, representing the first state prize. The second state award is a silver medal and a check for ten dollars, while the number of third prizes given each state is based upon the elementary school enrollment. New York, for instance, receives twenty-nine third prizes, while Hawaii receives only one third prize, in addition to the first and second prizes.

Pupils winning first state honors are eligible for one of the three national awards offered, and their papers will be graded by a special committee named by the U. S. Commissioner of Education. The first prize is a gold watch and a trip to Washington, in 1921 won by Stanley Newcomb, San Diego, California. Teachers also are entitled to three national awards, but to no state prizes. The teacher contributing the best practical safety lesson receives a check for \$500 and a trip to Washington with all expenses paid. The second best national lesson entitles the writer to a check for \$300, while the third lesson wins \$200 for the author.

TWO NEW DORMITORIES AT BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Thomasville, June 13.—Two new dormitories for girls have been ordered by the trustees of the Thomasville Baptist orphanage in their annual meeting here at their institution, one to be built at the Kennedy home, Kinston, the other to be a unit cottage for larger girls in the home economics school at the orphanage. Both were recommended by the general manager.

The board also directed that all cottages be converted into the unit type as rapidly as possible. The sum of \$10,000 was appropriated for the use of the mothers' aid undertaking and supervision of the orphanage.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Woodall and little son, Edward, J., left Sunday to spend several weeks at Mrs. Woodall's home at Catawissa, Pa. They made the trip by automobile. They were accompanied to New York by Mr. Sam Stallings who will spend a few days there.

BOYD LIQUOR CASE UP NEXT TUESDAY

Bond Increased to \$2,000; Five Cases Disposed of in Recorder's Court.

In our last issue we stated that the case against Henry Boyd, colored, who was arrested Monday charged with selling whiskey over the river at the brick yard would be tried in Tuesday's Recorder's Court. Upon investigation, however, the case proved to be docketed for next Tuesday. The warrant, it seems called for his appearance in court on last Tuesday, but in accepting the bond the deputy sheriff provided for his appearance on the 19th. The bond calling for his appearance at a time not designated in the warrant, Judge Noble issued a capias, had Boyd brought into the court, and placed under a \$2,000 bond, which his former bondsman, C. W. Beasley, stood. In commenting upon the reason for increasing the bond, Judge Noble stated in open court that the amount of liquor seized, the uniformity in which it was bottled and handled showed a wholesale dealing, and that as this party was charged in the warrant with unlawfully having it in his possession for the purpose of sale, he felt that the bond should be made sufficiently large to insure the defendant's presence.

The case will be tried next Tuesday.

Only five cases were disposed of Tuesday as follows:

State vs. J. C. Cross charged with violating the prohibition law. Defendant was found guilty and fined \$50 and costs.

State vs. Jim Graham charged with assault with deadly weapon. Guilty and fined \$10 and costs. An appeal was taken to the Superior Court.

State vs. Sam Stewart, a white man from Kenly who was charged with driving an automobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Defendant was found guilty, and was sentenced to thirty days in jail and assigned to work on the roads of Smithfield township.

State vs. R. E. Massengill and W. D. Lee charged with blocking. W. D. Lee was not taken. R. E. Massengill was found not guilty and discharged.

State vs. Purchell Narron charged with unlawfully removing in oiled stock. Guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

\$130,000 FIRE HITS KINSTON STORE ZONE

Kinston, June 12.—Fire in a two-story building in the upper end of the business district here tonight did damage estimated at \$130,000. The Dawson Feed Company, Caswell Manufacturing company and Eli Nachamson, dry goods merchant, were burned out.

The blaze was reported to have started in the plant of the Caswell company, manufacturers of overalls, on the second floor. The origin was not determined. The fire had gained great headway before the alarm was sent in.

The blaze started at 6:50 following a two-inch rain. The soaked condition of the roofs reduced the danger to surrounding property, but for an hour the flame threatened to spread to nearby wholesale houses, garages and a buggy factory.

Firemen risked their lives in a narrow alley way to check them. Every available resource of the department was brought into play.

The loss of the Dawson company was \$30,000; the loss of the Caswell company \$50,000; Nachamson's loss was estimated to be \$10,000 or more. The building was valued at \$40,000.

Great quantities of feedstuffs and overalls were consumed. Firemen saved a number of animals from a stable in the rear of the feed store with considerable difficulty.

BROTHER AND SISTER MEET FOR FIRST TIME

Wilmington, June 8.—A 21 year old brother and a sixteen-year old sister who had never met were united here tonight when Miss Mildred Moore, of Bay City, Michigan, arrived and joined her brother, M. V. Moore, a proof-reader on a local newspaper. Young Moore left home before the birth of his sister and has never returned. It was not until after his military service, following the war, that he learned of his sister's existence, and established communication with her.