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FEDERAL LAND BANK ASSOCIATION MEETS

In Meeting Held Here L. T. Royall is Re-elected Sec.-Treas.

OTHER OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ELECTED

The stockholders of the Smithfield Federal Land Bank Association met here Wednesday, according to appointment, with a good attendance. After reports and general discussion, the directors for the new year were elected. The following were chosen: J. A. Peele, Selma, D. Hooper Sanders, Smithfield, RFD 2; R. H. Higgins, Smithfield, RFD 1; J. A. Smith, Four Oaks, RFD 4; and Joel Alford, Smithfield, RFD 1.

Immediately after the adjournment of the stockholders, the directors called a meeting and elected the following officers: president, J. A. Peele; vice-president, J. A. Smith; secretary-treasurer, L. T. Royall.

Messrs D. Hooper Sanders, B. E. Stallings and W. R. Hill constitute the loan committee, with R. H. Higgins and J. H. Abell, alternates on this committee.

DINES IS TOO WEAK TO APPEAR IN COURT

Hearing of Greer, Charged With Shooting of Dines, New Year Night, Postponed Week.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 8.—Postponement for another week of the hearing of Horace Greer, charged with the shooting of Courtland Dines, New Year night, was made certain today when Dr. Guy Cochran submitted affidavit that Dines and Miss Mabel Normand would be unable to appear in court just yet.

Dines although recovering from the bullet wound, is very weak yet, it was stated. Miss Normand has been denied visitors, but her general condition, following an operation for appendicitis Thursday, is satisfactory, Dr. Cochran declared, in denying she had suffered a relapse.

The film colony was watching Will Hayes, "Czar of the Movies", for some action in the Normand and Edna Purviance case, although he has denied his trip here had any connection with the affair.

PLAN TO BUILD IMMENSE CHURCH

Asheville, Jan. 8.—Erection of a 50 by 100 feet unit, three stories high, connected by a corridor with the main auditorium, which will be enlarged to 60 by 90 feet, was definitely decided upon at a meeting of the board of stewards of Central Methodist church last night.

The addition and extension will cost approximately \$700,000 giving a church property valued at close to \$750,000. Practically the entire site, fronting 275 feet on Church street, and extending back 100 feet will be covered.

Tentative plans were accepted by the stewards tonight and as soon as final plans are approved the contract will be let and work started, October 1 having been set as the date of completing the work.

The improvements and addition will make the church one of the largest most complete church structures in Southern Methodism, according to church architects. The front of the present building will not be changed. Central Methodist church has a net membership of 1,900.

SOUTHERN INTERESTS WANT MUSCLE SHOALS

Washington, Jan. 8.—Secretary Weeks let it be known here that he expects soon to receive an offer for the purchase of the nitrate properties and for the lease of the power projects located at Muscle Shoals, Ala., from the Alabama Power Company, acting for itself and in the name of other Southern power interests.

Wilmington Doubles the Port of Norfolk

North Carolina's Import Commerce Greater than Virginia

Wilmington, Jan. 6.—The customs receipts at the port of Norfolk in 1923 totalled \$2,389,096.59 for the Virginia district, compared with customs receipts of \$5,668,130.72 at the port of Wilmington for the North Carolina district. Norfolk nearly doubled her customs receipts last year, receipts for 1922 being \$1,666,109.49, compared with \$2,389,096.59 in 1923 customs collections at Wilmington last year doubled at Norfolk, with nearly \$900,000 besides.

Customs collections represent the dutiable imports of the two states, hence it is seen how much greater North Carolina's import commerce is than that of Virginia.

REED RAPS REPORT ON VETERAN BUREAU

By Inference, Reed Severely Condemned Gen. O'Ryan for Permitting Report to Become Public

Publication of a tentative report of Major John F. O'Ryan, Government counsel on the recent investigation of the Veteran's Bureau, was denounced on the floor of the Senate yesterday by Senator Reed, (Rep.) of Pennsylvania, the committee chairman.

Reed declared the report as published "was not approved or authorized" by the Committee and that the Committee strongly disapproved of many of O'Ryan's recommendations.

By inference, Reed severely condemned General O'Ryan for permitting his report to become public. Reed declared the extracts were obtained from an original report compiled by General O'Ryan, but which the committee later ordered changed.

"These reports were published without the knowledge of the Senate committee," said Reed. "They are not in any sense an approved, authorized or final statement from either the committee or its counsel. I ask the Senate to pay no attention to these newspaper extracts which appeared under General O'Ryan's name."

"There were many recommendations made by General O'Ryan in which we are in entire agreement, but there were many recommendations made in which we do not agree."

MR. R. H. ALLEN DIES AT HOME OF SON-IN-LAW

Last Sunday, January 6, Mr. R. H. Allen died at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Allen Massengill, near Four Oaks. He was born March 6, 1857, and was 66 years, nine months and twenty-nine days old.

For years he had been a farmer and a preacher. He was a member of the Holiness church, and was a good man.

The funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon by Rev. H. H. Goff, and interment was made in Antioch cemetery near Four Oaks.

The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the community in their loss.

Baptist Church Sunday.

Sunday School will begin promptly at 9:45, T. S. Ragsdale superintendent. It is important that every member of the school be present next Sunday, to hear the new superintendent announce the policies for the year and to become familiar with the new organization.

The pastor, Rev. S. L. Morgan will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. He earnestly desires that all members of the church shall be present in the morning when he will preach on "Our New Year's Program." The new deacons will be ordained at night, Rev. J. A. Ivey, of Four Oaks preaching the sermon. Miss Frances White, of Meredith College, the efficient new music director, will sing at both services. Everybody is cordially invited.

DR. M'BRAYER GIVES UP POSITION

Succeeded as Supt. of State Sanatorium by Dr. P. P. McCain

GOVERNOR MORRISON IS PLEASED WITH M'CAIN

Raleigh, Jan. 9.—The resignation of Dr. L. B. McBrayer, as superintendent of the state sanatorium for tuberculosis patients at Sanatorium, was accepted by the institutions' board of directors in session today at Sanatorium, and Dr. P. P. McCain, son-in-law of Dr. McBrayer, and assistant superintendent of the sanatorium, was elected to succeed his father-in-law, according to a telegram to the Associated Press from Dr. T. W. M. Ling, chairman of the board.

The action of the board followed a request made some weeks ago by Governor Cameron Morrison as head of the sanatorium because of his plea of guilty in Hoke county superior court recently to a charge of trading with himself in an official capacity.

Dr. McBrayer's resignation was accepted following unanimous adoption by the board of a resolution stating that Dr. McBrayer had rendered distinguished and unselfish service to the institution and the state, according to the telegram received from Dr. Long.

"I am highly gratified at the election of Dr. McCain as superintendent of the sanatorium," declared Governor Morrison tonight when informed of the action of the board of the institution.

"I have the highest regard for his ability as a specialist in the treatment of tuberculosis and I am sure his election means a splendid spirit of co-operation in the affairs of the sanatorium which will make for its development to the highest point of efficiency."

The executive had nothing to say with regard to the resignation of Dr. McBrayer.

M. E. MISSIONARY SOCIETY CLOSES YEAR'S WORK

The regular business meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held Monday afternoon, Jan. 7. This meeting was of interest because of the reports of the past year. The report of the treasurer showed fine collections, \$662.45 having been sent to the Conference treasurer, while \$2,525.23 has been expended in local work. Seventy-nine members are now enrolled.

During the year three books have been studied by the Mission Study Class, and the Bible Study Class has completed one book entitled, "Marks of a World Christian."

The young folks have been at work, too, the Bright Jewels and Baby Division reporting \$47.50 sent to Conference treasurer.

The Social Service department had a significant report, some of the activities being a study of interracial work, services held at county home and jail, distribution of Bibles to any who have needed or wanted them, furnishing Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner to inmates of County Home, donation of over 100 articles to hospital here and furnishing of room by one member. One of the finest things undertaken through this department is the education of one of the girls of the local church at Brevard, and the helping of a girl through Washington College. The Society also clothes a boy at the Methodist Orphanage. These items do not cover the work of the organization but serve to show along what lines the Society is working.

Friends of Mrs. Lee E. Sanders will regret to learn that it was necessary for her to undergo an operation for appendicitis. She was operated on Tuesday at the Smithfield Memorial and is getting along nicely.

SELMA LOSES A SPLENDID CITIZEN

Mr. Geo. Evans, President of Selma Bank Dies in Raleigh

HAD BEEN A SUFFERER FOR MANY YEARS

On the 7th of January 1924 at 7:30 A. M. the spirit of Mr. George Walter Evans, president of the First National Bank of Selma, N. C., passed away in Rex Hospital, Raleigh, where he had gone only a few days before for treatment. While Mr. Evans had been a sufferer for several years, no one was prepared for the sad message which came to Selma that he had passed away.

George Walter Evans was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Evans of Wilson county. He came from a family known for its honesty, integrity, and uprightness of character. Having inherited the prerequisites of strong and trustworthy qualities for a life worth while, he proceeded to build a life which would be of great worth to his fellowman. The limited educational advantages of his day were no handicap to him. By perseverance and honesty of purpose, he diligently labored to surmount the difficulties in his way.

Some years ago Mr. Evans came to Selma and it was there he proved his real worth to man. With a quiet and unassuming nature, he crowded his life with business. Yet he always found time to make a friend. While he accumulated a modern fortune, he made no pretensions to wealth. He was honored with the Presidency of the First National Bank there, and used his high office to help his fellowmen. He loved men, and men loved him. His philanthropic spirit was manifested towards his fellowmen to the degree of sacrifice. When the hand was extended for an alm, it never went away empty. Many families in distress knew what a friend they had in Mr. Evans. He knew only one road to greatness, and that was the road of service for his fellowmen. The true spirit of the humanitarian permeated his life. Always contending for civic improvements and better advantages for the coming generations, he wielded an influence for good. And his works bear witness to this fact.

Mr. Evans counted his friends by his acquaintances. To know him was to love him. While he is not with us in person, yet his many deeds of kindness and his great life of devoted service will live on to comfort and inspire those who remain. Many young men of tomorrow will discover his foot-prints, and endeavor to tread to greatness. For while he lived, he labored to leave the world better off by his having dwelt here.

His remains were carried to the family cemetery near Kenly where it was laid to rest amid beautiful designs of flowers, tokens of love and esteem of his family and many friends. The burial service was conducted by the pastor of the Methodist church of Selma, Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald.

Mr. J. R. Evans, a brother of Wilson county, Mrs. Ed Howell also of Wilson county, Mrs. C. L. Atkinson of Johnston county, Mrs. J. W. Stancil of Moore county are his near kindred who mourn his departure. But may they with his multitude of friends find sympathy and condolence in the good and splendid works which bear testimony of his worth to man.

BILL PROVIDES FOR INVESTMENT PROTECTION

Introduces Bill Creating a Federal Corporation to Protect Investors in Stocks and Bonds.

Senator McNary (Rep.) of Oregon, today introduced a bill creating a Federal corporation to protect American investors in stocks and bonds.

The corporation would prescribe rules and regulations for conduct of stock exchanges.

Scotland Neck Church Destroyed By Fire

Fire Originated From a Defective Flue; Heavy Loss.

Scotland Neck, Jan. 6.—Trinity Episcopal church was burned here this afternoon. The fire, which originated from a defective furnace and which had evidently been burning for some time, was discovered about 4 o'clock. None of the church furnishings were saved except some of the altar and some of the hangings. These were rescued by Miss Laura Clark and James L. Josey. Destroyed in the fire was a valuable pipe organ, installed seven years ago, and a half-dozen or more new memorial windows. The church, which was completed in 1887 was built after the destruction by fire forty years ago of old Trinity church, near town. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

COOLIDGE EULOGY IS KILLED IN SENATE

Senate Prevented From Hearing About the "Scientific Political Training of Pres. Coolidge."

For the second time the Senate was prevented yesterday from hearing about the "scientific political training of President Coolidge."

Senator Spencer (Rep.) of Missouri made the effort by asking consent of the Senate to print the article in the Congressional Record. A lively row developed in which Senator Ashurst (Dem.) of Arizona gave notice he would insert in the Record "eulogies of that great Democratic statesman William Gibbs McAdoo and of that great advocate of pure Democracy, Senator James A. Reed of Missouri" if Spencer's request was granted.

N. Y. BILL WOULD BAN DECISION BOUTS

Bill Aimed to Take Boxing Out of the Hands of the Gamblers

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Declaring that "gamblers have gained control of boxing in New York," Assemblyman, Henry O. Kahan, New York Democrat, today introduced a bill in the legislature providing for no-decision fights and an equal distribution of purses.

"It's time something was done to take boxing out of the hands of the gamblers," Kahan declared.

MR. M. J. CHILDERS DIES AFTER ILLNESS OF FEW DAYS

Mr. Milton Joshua Childers, known as Mr. Jim Childers, died at his home at the old cotton mill Wednesday night at nine o'clock after an illness of only a few days. He was eighty years and fourteen days old.

Mr. Childers was a Confederate veteran, having served his country during the Civil War. He was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist church, and was a good man. He is survived by an aged wife, four sons, three daughters and several grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted yesterday afternoon by Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church, and interment was made in Oakland cemetery.

The family has the sympathy of the community in this hour of bereavement.

WALKS 15,000 MILES TO ATTEND SCHOOL

Wayne Waters, senior in Cosby Academy Baptist mountain school near Newport, Tenn., has walked ten miles daily for eight years in order to complete his course of study, Prof. R. L. Marshall, principal, announces. The boy lives five miles from the school and has walked the distance twice daily, or a total of 14,400 miles, or more than one-half the distance around the world, in quest of knowledge. He has made a good record, barely missing a class.—News and Observer.

SCORE OF 51 TO 13 IN GAME WED. NIGHT

Local Quint Opens Season With Victory Over Lillington

R. STEPHENSON AND HOLLAND FEATURE

The Smithfield highs, eastern champions of 1923, opened this basketball season last Wednesday with a glorious victory over Lillington. The Lillington team was completely outclassed throughout the game.

Baggett of Lillington started the scoring by shooting a foul goal but when the local quintet got started it seemed as if they would not stop, and they were not stopped until the whistle blew. At the end of the first half the score stood Smithfield 33, Lillington 6.

When the whistle blew for the second half to begin, Coach Rice put the second team in to play for the first. This team looked as good as the first team and during about the first five minutes of play they had scored ten points and had held Lillington to two points.

After the score was run so high the third or Junior team was put in. The game ended with Smithfield basketballers on the big end of a 51 to 13 score.

The features of the game was the all round work of the Smithfield team. The outstanding features of the game was the field goal shooting of R. Stephenson, caging seven. Holland came second with six goals. Baggett did the best work for the Lillington team with three field goals and three out of six foul goals.

Line up:	Smithfield	Position	Lillington
	Holland	Forward	Herrington
	Hill	Forward	Baggett
	R. Stephenson	Forward	Johnson
	E. Caudill	Center	Smith
	Skinner	Guard	Byrd

Substitutions: For Lillington, Parker for Byrd; for Smithfield, second team for first team; third team for second.

Time of game: 20:20. Referee: Parrish, Oak Ridge. Timers: Moore and Rand. Scorer: Lassiter. REPORTER.

DEMPSEY TO FIGHT GIBBONS FOR G. O. P.

Fifteen Rounds At Cleveland, Ohio, During the Republican National Convention.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 8.—A Dempsey-Gibbons fight of fifteen rounds during the Republican national convention!

That was the ambitious program announced here today by James C. Mullen, of Chicago, promoter of the Leonard-Mitchell fight at Chicago last May and other minor fights who now aspires to steal some of Tex Rickard's heavyweight thunder. "That's my program," Mullen declared, but a lot will have to be accomplished before it can be carried out.

TAX ON BERLIN DANCERS TO FEED 15,000 POOR PER DAY

Berlin, Jan. 6.—Trippers of the light fantastic in Berlin's cabaret and restaurants are to dance food into the mouths of the poor and destitute.

Under a ruling of the municipal authorities, each dancer is to be taxed approximately 12 cents for the privilege of following afoot the melodies of the jazz orchestras so that the revenue of each dancer will provide food for at least two empty stomachs a day.

With some of the larger halls accommodating more than 2,000 dancers and the scores of smaller places doing big business, relief workers estimate that the revenues from the dancing will feed from 15,000 to 18,000 persons now dependent upon charity.—Associated Press.