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BIG FREIGHT RATE CUT ON COAL SOON

CARRIERS AGREE ON REDUCTIONS AMOUNTING TO HALF MILLION A YEAR.

Raleigh. A saving in freight rates on coal to shippers in North Carolina of approximately a half million dollars a year is represented in a re-adjustment of rates on coal from Virginia and Tennessee mines to points in the State which has been negotiated between carriers serving this territory and the Corporation Commission as a result of a complaint of the Corporation Commission before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The consumption of bituminous coal in North Carolina is in excess of three million tons per year, according to the Commission. The reductions agreed upon are approximately seventeen cents per ton from the Tennessee mines on the Southern Railway and from the Clinchfield mines, and twenty cents per ton from the Pocahontas district or West Virginia mines. More coal is shipped into the State from the Pocahontas district than from any other mines.

This re-adjustment takes the place of one proposed by the carriers which would have raised the rates to ports without reducing the rates to inland cities and which they proposed in carrying out the provisions of the present interstate commerce act which does not permit continuance of lower rates are made to meet actual water competition.

The reduced rates agreed upon are expected to become effective within sixty days.

Rates to Raleigh from the Pocahontas district will drop from \$3.20 a ton to \$3.00 and from the Tennessee or Coal Creek district and the Clinchfield mines from \$3.33 to \$3.20. The rates in Wilmington and other coastal cities are increased by the revision of rates but less than under the original plan the carriers provided.

Allen Addresses Conference.

Defining the task of the rural school supervisor as one of bridging the gap between the educational facilities of rural and city schools, Superintendent A. T. Allen addressed the session of the joint annual conference of rural school supervisors and county superintendents in the House of Representatives. A round table discussion of the rural consolidated school as a community center, led by L. C. Brogdon, State Supervisor of elementary schools, was also a part of the evening's program.

Tracing the development of education through the last 50 years, Mr. Allen showed how this difference between city and rural schools had grown up, the efforts that are being made to eliminate this difference and what part the school supervisor and county superintendent must play in lessening the gap. The main difference at present he gave as more efficient teachers in the city schools, longer terms, and more efficient equipment.

And not only are the facilities and equipment better in the city schools, but records show that the attendance is much better in city schools.

According to our estimation there are 50,000 rural children high school age in this state who do not have an opportunity to go to high school. Mr. Allen said in pointing out the difference of opportunities that appear in the high schools.

"It is your task," he said, "to break down the idea that any kind of teacher is capable of teaching a rural school, and especially in the lower grades. And it is up to you to demand the best for these children who deserve the best. It is also your task to destroy the idea that any kind of building is good enough to go to school in, and see that modern buildings with sanitary equipment, and the desks arranged so that children's eyes do not suffer a permanent injury from studying in poor light, are provided."

No Whipping at State Prison.

"No prisoner under the control and supervision of the State's Prison has been whipped in nearly three years," declared George Ross Pou, superintendent of the State's Prison, in a statement issued in the light of the recent barbarous whipping to death of a negro convict by guards in the Rocky Mount road camp.

Mr. Pou stated that the punishment used for purposes of discipline at the State's Prison is solitary confinement. "Personally I have always been opposed to corporal punishment," Mr. Pou states, "yet I believe the law permitting corporal punishment should remain in force."

DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA
TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Newton.—Ray Hedrick, the man who got his skull crushed in a fight about 1:30 Sunday morning in the home of Myrtle Spencer in Catfish, the northern part of Catawba county, died from his wounds in the Richard J. Baker hospital in Hickory.

Spencer.—Seized with what was supposed to be an epileptic spasm to which he was subject Edward Carter, aged about 25 years, of High Point, was drowned in the Yadkin river at Grubbs Ferry two miles from Spencer.

Chapel Hill.—The Chapel Hill High School commencement exercises were brought to a close with the presentation of diplomas and certificates to the largest class in the history of the school. The graduating class numbered 54.

Newton.—Fielding Drum, a farmer, near Ball's Creek campground, aged about 65 years, dropped dead while helping his son stack a load of wheat. He leaves a wife and a large number of children, 11 of whom are grown and married.

Greensboro.—Contract for placing 10,000 chairs in the auditoriums of 21 Guilford county schools was let by the board of education to the Southern Desk company, of Hickory, at \$3.25 per chair. The installation must be made before October 1, 1925.

Reidsville.—J. T. Pendley, a plumber, of Gainesville, Ga., and a local negro helper named Willis, lost their lives while doing plumbing work on Jefferson Penn's new home two miles west of Reidsville.

Greenville.—The Scoville Memorial Home which was erected by friends as a memorial to the late Rev. Virgil V. Scoville and given to Mrs. Scoville and her children, was opened Monday night with appropriate exercises and an "old fashion" house warming.

Aboskie.—The annual Masonic picnic of Northeastern Carolina will be held this year on Thursday, July 30. The committee on time and place recently met in Colerain and made tentative arrangements for the great day. A speaker for the occasion will be secured by the Windsor Lodge and the Colerain Masons will arrange for the refreshments and other arrangements.

Scotland Neck.—District Engineer Pace announces that he has succeeded in securing from the State Farm at Caledonia forty prisoners to work on the Edwards Ferry bridge through the co-operation of prison officials with the State Highway Commission. This is in line with the policy of the State authorities to use the surplus labor in the State prison on highway construction work.

Dunn.—A daring hold-up and robbery was committed when an unmasked white man held a large automatic pistol in the face of Floyd Lucas, keeper of the Midway filling station, between Dunn and Duke, while he rifled the cash register of between \$50 and \$75 in cash. The only thing left in the register by the robber was a post-dated check.

High Point.—Police Officer C. J. Reeves of the High Point department, died in a hospital here of wounds sustained in a gun battle between police and negroes here. Arthur Harrell, negro, was killed instantly and Officer F. G. Claywell and two negroes, James Staley and John White, were seriously wounded in the battle.

Kinston.—The eight specially trained boll weevil experts who have been secured by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce to turn their guns loose on the bug in Eastern Carolina for ten weeks beginning June 15, will report for duty in their respective towns and communities next Monday bright and early.

Raleigh.—Agricultural college editors from many States will assemble in Raleigh, July 7 to 9 for the convention of the American Association of Agricultural College editors. The official program announced by F. H. Jeter, of Raleigh, secretary, lists prospective participants from Alabama, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Virginia, Georgia, the District of Columbia, Colorado, Maryland, Florida and New Jersey.

Asheville.—Wilmington was selected as the 1926 convention city at the district meeting of Lions clubs here. Establishment of junior colleges in the larger centers throughout the State as an addition to the public school system and to relieve the congestion in the higher institutions of the State, was favored in a report unanimously adopted by the convention.

33 Years Ago —IN— Washington County

Items gathered from issue of
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Mr. W. H. Hampton's residence is being beautified by painter Proctor's brush.

Little Maude, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Newberry died here last Wednesday.

Mrs. Charles Askew, aged 62 years, died at her home here last Monday.

Several plays are being prepared by our young people, who have taken quite a liking for the stage of late.

Miss Ailene Latham is at home from school.

Mr. J. F. Norman and family and Mr. L. H. Hornthal and family went to Nag's Head last Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Martin and little son of Edenton, are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Take notice that an election is hereby called in Roper, White Oak and Beech Grove School Districts to ascertain the will of the people residing in said school districts on the question of levying a maximum tax of 48 1/2 cents on the \$100.00 valuation taxable property and \$1.45 on the poll for maintenance of schools and payment of school bonds and interest outstanding in said districts.

Said election will be held on the 21st day of July 1925 at the Roper School House. D. M. Chesson has been duly appointed registrar and R. C. Peacock and B. B. Spencer judges of election. A new registration has been ordered and the registration books will be opened June 19th, 1925, and closed July 11th 1925, the 18th day of July is designated as challenge day. Said registration books will be open on Saturdays at the home of said registrar.

The territory in which said election is to be held has been duly created a Special School Taxing District and lies in Lee's Mills Township, Washington County and is described as follows:

Beginning in the northwest corner of the Roper Graded School District line and at the corner of Swain special school line, and running in a westwardly direction with said Swain School District line to the Plymouth Township line, thence southwardly with said Township line to the Wenona Special School District line, thence eastwardly along Wenona District line to the western line of the N. S. Railroad right of way, thence due east one half mile, thence northwardly parallel with said railroad to the corner of Pleasant Grove School District thence north westwardly along a run or branch which is Pleasant Grove School District line and Mackey's School District line to Kendrick's Creek thence up said creek to the dividing line between Mrs. R. P. Walker and George W. Dixon, thence along said dividing line to public road, thence across the road and along the dividing line between Mrs. Cottie Chesson and L. M. Adler, to the O. M. Chesson line, which is Swain School District line, thence westwardly along said Swain School District line to the beginning.

This the 1st day of June 1925.

A. L. BRINKLEY
Register of Deeds

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DUKE GRADUATES TO THINK

Virginia Educator Makes Strong Appeal For Freedom of Thought at Duke University.

Durham.—Dr. Robert Emory Blackwell, president of Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va., preached the baccalaureate sermon at Duke University. Craven Memorial hall was filled and radio amplifiers carried the message to many others on the college campus.

The sermon was a plea for freedom of thought in religion and education. North Carolina was complimented as being freer from bigotry and prejudice than Virginia.

Dr. Blackwell took his text from Hebrews, "Being encompassed by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight." He told his audience he was talking to young people and not to the older ones. He proceeded to give the young people a stirring appeal to think for themselves.

He did not mention fundamentalism nor evolution, but he did stress the fact that the controversy now going on in religion in this country was settled in England a half century ago.

"Our churches and our politicians do not want us to think," he declared. He did not regard the charge of being radical as one to be afraid of. He had rather be a radical than to be a mossback. He appealed to the young men and women not to follow the beaten track but to use the minds that God had given them.

John Wesley did not follow the beaten track, he explained, and Christ was far ahead of his times. If Christ had lived today, the speaker declared He would have been regarded as a radical, even as He was two thousand years ago.

Anniversary of Church Observed.

Greensboro.—The 154th anniversary of the founding of Friden's Lutheran church, near Gibsonville, Guilford county, was celebrated with thousands of persons in attendance. Dr. M. G. G. Scherer, of New York City, secretary of the United Lutheran church in America, made the chief address. The celebration was an all-day one, with lunch on the church lawn.

The liturgical service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Clamahan, and then Dr. Scherer spoke, telling of the growth of Lutheranism, as typified by Friden's church, dating far back but still increasing in membership. The church was organized in 1771 by Rev. Samuel Suther, a mission preacher. Thirty-eight pastors have served it, one of them, Rev. William Artz for 22 years, from 1830 to 1852. The first building was of pine poles, the second of logs and the third one, the present structure, is of brick. It was built in 1871. Records of the church were kept in the German language until 1836. Ten years later the stone wall around the cemetery was built.

Exonerate Guard Who Killed Men.

Roanoke Rapids.—The coroner's jury after an investigation acquitted Guard G. S. Vaughn of all blame in connection with the killing of two prisoners who tried to escape from State Prison Farm, Camp No. 1, John Gowins and Joe Martin Capt. H. T. Peoples, superintendent of the camp, stated that guards were not wanted at the camp who would not shoot under circumstances as were presented in this case.

The squad composed of about 55 men was approaching the camp when they reached a bridge crossing a ditch which was lined with underbrush and bamboo briars. Two of the prisoners, at this point, broke from the squad and dashed for liberty. A few paces hid them from the guards armed with shot guns.

Leading the men were Guards G. S. Vaughn, armed with rifle, and T. H. Wise, armed with pistol. In the rear of the squad were J. S. Jernigan and S. L. Parker, armed with shot guns. As the men dashed from the road the guards with shot guns fired in the direction of the men but missed their targets. The attention of Guard G. S. Vaughn was attracted by the shooting and he soon got sight of one of the prisoners and shot him down, afflicting a terrible wound through the right kidney and liver. This man, who is reputed to be John Gowins from Mt. Airy, N. C., was only twenty years old and was serving a five year sentence for store breaking. He lived only twenty-five minutes, dying before he could be carried to camp.

After Gowins was shot Vaughn sighted the second man and fired at the same time that Guard Wise, who was chasing the prisoner, fired his revolver. Both shots took effect, inflicting what would ordinarily have been slight wounds. However, the bullet from the rifle of Vaughn after grazing the back pierced the biceps muscle of the left arm, severing the principal blood vessels.

Chance For Scholarship

Supt. John W. Darden's receipt of a letter from the Pineland School for Girls and Junior College for Young Women, which is offering to some bright, deserving girl from each county a \$100. scholarship. This will enable the young lady to attend the Junior College for \$150, the regular price of which is \$50. The college will be accepted this year.

Mr. Darden has asked to make notice of this, stating that he would be glad to hear from any young lady who would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

Pretty Wedding

A Pretty wedding was solemnized at noon Monday at the home of Mrs. M. J. Stillman, near Plymouth, when the daughter, Miss Nannie, became the bride of Mr. J. A. Ferrell of Weeksville.

The wedding had not been announced and was a quiet affair, witnessed only by immediate members of the family. Rev. O. W. Sawyer, pastor of the Baptist Church, performed the ceremony. The bride wore an attractive tan georgette dress with blue sippers and picture hat.

The room was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants.

Immediately after the ceremony they left for a wedding trip, after which they will make their home in Weeksville.

The Beacon extends its heartfelt congratulations to the young couple.

Jonesboro Youth Rescued.

Jonesboro.—The 22nd and community were shocked when it was learned that John, Junior, Dalrymple, sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dalrymple, had been drowned. The youth lost his life while swimming in Morris' Pond. Two companions, J. C. Peel and Randall Brannan made desperate efforts to save him and were nearly drowned themselves. The body was recovered in fifteen or twenty minutes after the boys gave the alarm, but efforts to resuscitate him proved futile.

Slew Masked Man in Self-Defense.

Halenville, La.—Lee Martin, 38, is dead and John Jackson, 39, is in jail on a murder charge as the result of efforts of a robed band to abduct Jackson from his home near here. Jackson claims that he fired when the men tried to break down his front door and that Martin was killed as a result. Both men are farmers and have families. Jackson says he received a warning some time ago to "quit his way of doing" but that he is puzzled to know the reason for the warning.

Burgaw.—Rocky Point township is the sixth township in Pender county to vote a bond issue within the past year to build and equip a modern consolidated school. Last Saturday this township, by a vote of 132 to 17, voted a bond issue of \$30,000 for this purpose.

New Bern.—Although the movement of Irish potatoes from Craven Pamlico and Carteret counties has been considerably less this year than last, the price has been so much better this season that the farmers are left in much better condition, according to statements by potato men.

Bureau Finds Jobs For 1,117.

During the week ending June 6, the State and Federal Employment Bureau found jobs for 703 persons in addition to placing 414 seasonal farm workers with the truckers in the trucking sections of the State. During the week there were 651 requests for help in finding work.

Charlotte led among the branch offices in finding places for workers with a total of 191. Asheville, 84 men and 48 women; Charlotte, 170 men and 21 women; Greensboro, 66 men and 23 women.

N. C. INCOME TAX OVER FIVE MILLION

TAXABLE PERSONAL INCOMES
SHOWN TO BE 26 BILLION IN
COUNTRY.

Washington.—Taxable personal incomes in America in 1923 were shown by the internal revenue bureau to have amounted to \$28,336,337,843, or almost five billion dollars more than the 1922 total.

The bureau's figures, made public in its annual analysis of personal incomes, disclosed that 7,698,321 persons filed returns in the year covered by the statistics, while in the preceding year there were 6,787,481 returns. The 7,698,321 taxpayers in 1923 contributed \$703,962,165 in taxes to the government, which was approximately \$157,000,000 less than the taxes paid in 1922, largely as a result of the 25 per cent refund voted by Congress.

On the basis of the census bureau's population estimates for July 1, 1923, returns were filed in 1923 by 6.34 per cent of the nation's citizens, while in 1922 the proportion was 6.2 per cent.

Incomes in the class of "\$1,000.000 and over" in 1923 numbered 74, the highest point since 1917, and the third highest in the history of American income tax collection, the number in 1916 having been 206. Seventh-seven persons reported incomes of a million dollars or more in 1922. The 74 who had incomes in excess of a million dollars in 1923, paid a total of \$35,788,475 in taxes.

The income classes from \$2,000 to \$5,000 continued in 1923 to be more than half, numerically, of all the government's tax providers, although as compared with 1922, the \$2,000 to \$3,000 class showed a decrease while increases were reported in the number of net incomes between \$3,000 and \$4,000 and \$5,000.

The number of personal returns by states, net income and the amount of tax paid in northern states follows in the order named:

District of Columbia—number of returns, 75,796; net incomes \$284,622,234; tax paid \$8,083,650; Florida—number of returns 49,591; net incomes \$162,128,523; tax paid \$3,955,588; Georgia—number of returns 71,347; net incomes \$233,729,676; paid \$3,769,990; Maryland—number of returns 127,770; net income \$539,830,478; tax paid \$15,182,169; North Carolina—number of returns 68,191; net income \$232,861,140; tax paid \$5,562,150; South Carolina—number of returns 28,225; net income \$95,204,234; tax paid, \$1,756,820; Tennessee—number of returns 69,081; net income \$223,717,906; tax paid \$4,396,162; Virginia—number of returns 77,451; net income \$245,484,212, tax paid \$3,722,974.

Feels Certain of Good Trade.

New York.—With no marked change discernible in the surface aspects of business last week, the conviction grew in financial circles that the summer months will continue to bring steady, even progress in trade.

As in recent weeks, the general business picture was shaded with contrasting movements, but price recessions and declining operations in certain industries were offset by the swift recovery of others. Signs multiplied that the closer balance being struck between production and consumption would do much to avoid the normal midsummer reaction and in the long run would have a wholesome effect on industrial activities.

Trade reports of the last week unquestionably have favored the oil industry more than any of others. Recent announcements of record-breaking gasoline consumption and production have been followed by a series of other favorable developments—increases in the prices of both crude and refined product, a reduction in the weekly output of crude oil for the first time in many weeks, and accumulating evidence that the leading producing and refining companies were in the strongest financial and operating positions in several years. Petroleum shares were quick to reflect the brightening outlook for their companies.

Riot News Confirmed.

London.—A Reuter dispatch from Shanghai confirming the rioting in Kin-Kiang says a crowd of 1,000 students, workmen and other disorderly elements started minor riots in Kin-Kiang Friday evening. They did not become serious until Saturday morning, when a mob rushed the British concession.

The municipal council warned the Chinese that they must restore order. The authorities accepted responsibility for the situation but took no action for two hours. Meanwhile the wrecking and burning of buildings took place.