

Grady Reese Charged With First Degree Murder

Tallulah Falls Railway Reduces Class Freight Rates 18 Per Cent

REDUCTION MADE EFFECTIVE NOV. 10

Practically All Points Within 16 Southern States Involved

15-18 PER CENT LOWER

Now On Basis With Standard or Trunk Line Railways

Class freight rates have been reduced on the Tallulah Falls railroad approximately 15 to 18 per cent between stations on their line and practically all points within 16 southern states.

These rates were affective November 10 and extended over the 16 miles of their line into North Carolina.

Rates from points in other states are being reduced as fast as tariff regulations can be printed and made affective.

The reduction is an arbitrary which is allowed short lines or weak railroads, being absorbed entirely by this road. It puts their class freight rates on a basis of standard or trunk line railways.

The railroad officials hope to increase the volume of their business enough to take care of the reduction and thus affect a saving to all their customers which will finally reach the consumer, it was stated.

"The backbone of the present business depression would be broken within 90 days if the business once enjoyed by the railroads of the country and which has gone to bus and truck lines could be restored," was predicted by President L. R. Powell, of the Seaboard Air Line railroad in a recent address.

"With the birth of the motor driven vehicle," he declared, "and the building of our modern roads, there has come into being a use of our highways which was never contemplated by our forefathers and as to which there has been little intelligent progress in respect to legal control and regulation.

"There have been suggestions that our railroads should meet the challenge of their competitor, both in respect to charges and service. The acceptance of such a challenge is impossible, by reason of the restraints, burdens and limitations—most of them legal—that are imposed upon one and not both of the competitors.

"At the very threshold of these conditions we are confronted with the fact that the railroads are put to the expense of providing and maintaining their own rights of way and tracks, while facilities of a comparable character are furnished without cost and at public expense, to their competitor, the motor vehicle.

For the privilege of doing business in the municipalities which they serve, the railroads as a rule pay to such communities a license tax. The franchise thus granted involves no use of the public streets. On the other hand, the motor vehicle is permitted to not only use, but in that use to destroy, such streets in competition with the railroads, without paying one penny for such privilege.

"The rates charged for transportation by the railroads are fixed by law and their service is regulated by public authority.

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Wet Weather Favors Forestry Lookout Men

Much grumbling is heard over the wet weather. A glance at the record kept in the U. S. Forest Service office, shows that every day since November was ushered in has been rainy and cloudy except four days. From the 6th to the 9th inclusive, there was some sunshine, but it clouded up on the 10th and has rained or threatened rain every day since. This condition is no damage to the forests, however, and it gives the lookout men a chance to fix up their telephone lines, clean out the trails, do any improvement work that is needed while they take their eyes off of the relief map of the lower mountains which they view from their high points of vantage watching for the first smoke that may begin to rise anywhere. They are determined to catch the blaze in its infancy, and, given a fair chance, they do. Some days are so hazy they cannot see far. Then a fire may get under way before it is discovered. When discovered, however, men are ready to go at the drop of a hat, everything previously arranged, to lists of provisions being posted in the nearest stores where food may be purchased to feed the fighters if needed. The districts are all organized, tools are in place, and everything is in readiness to suppress

the first peep of a smoke. The object however, is to get the protection message over to everyone so there will be no fires to suppress. Very few fires are started in this vicinity by lightning. Practically all of them are started by men or boys. Women are seldom guilty of this sin. Some are started by brush burners. The fire gets away from them. Others by hunters who set a fire to smoke out a rabbit or some other animal, and go off and leave it; others by lighting a cigarette and throwing the match down carelessly and walking on; others by throwing the cigarette stub down just as if he were on a paved road or sidewalk with no thought of seeing that there is no fire in it; others go off and leave a camp fire, and it gets away; still others, mad about something, no one knows what, just set the fires for spite, going to get even with some one, but the evening-up goes the wrong way. Everybody loses when the timber burns, including the man who started the fire to get even. The law is hard on these people if it ever gets hold of them, the ones who set the fire deliberately.

But the forest officers are resting easy now. There is no danger of fire while it rains.

Trespassers Break Into Methodist Parsonage

In the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin from the Methodist parsonage last Monday evening, a large group of people, including the Presbyterian minister's wife, were guilty of breaking and entering the house! However, these were very extraordinary trespassers in that, instead of taking something out, they brought something in—very many things in fact.

When Mr. and Mrs. Ervin returned to the parsonage to find the living-room floor covered with potatoes, packages, and people, they were simply dumfounded, confounded, and astounded. It wasn't a sprinkle; it was a terrific shower. And when it rained, it poured! For those who might be skeptical about this statement and think it is perhaps an exaggeration, we herewith give the cold facts.

Included in the "pounding" or "shower" were the following: 2 pillows, 2 pillow cases, 3 luncheon sets, 7 guest towels, 6 bath towels, 1 kitchen set, 1 aluminum roaster, 1 wastepaper basket, 1 glass fruit dish, 1 teapot, 1 flower vase, 1 saucepan, 2 brooms, 1 bucket, 61 jars and cans of fruits, berries, and vegetables, 1 of lard, sack of flour, 1 sack of sugar, 1 ham, 1 bushel of potatoes, and a miscellaneous assortment of packages of salt, soda, oatmeal, seasonings, etc. It is said that the Methodist preacher and his wife do not intend to prosecute the trespassers.

Methodist Football Squad To Play Baptists Friday 28

The Methodists will play the Baptists on Friday, Nov. 28 in what promises to be a "hot" game of football. There are good players on both sides and is expected to be a hard-fought game.

Be on the grade to see it. Look for posters in town with the line up on them.

Cowee Council 493 To Give Social Sat. Night

To all the Junior Order Councils in Macon county: You are reminded of the invitation extended to you to meet with us at our Lodge Hall on Saturday night, Nov. 22 at 7:30 to share with us a snappy social event.

There will be some interesting subjects briefly, but thoroughly discussed. Then comes some third degree work of the Council after which refreshments will be served during a social period.

Fraternally yours,
PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

Co-operative Turkey Sale

On Friday morning, Nov. 21 there will be a co-operative turkey sale at the Franklin depot. Poultry will not be bought at this time.

Turkeys will be weighed at the depot. Eighteen and one-half cents per pound will be paid. After delivery is made to Asheville they will net 18c per pound, it was stated, provided there is a full truck load which County Agent Fred Sloan is contemplating on having.

"I can not send cards to all turkey growers so please tell all persons in your community who have turkeys that the sale will be Friday morning, Nov. 21," says Mr. Sloan.

Iotla B. Y. P. U. Has Social

On Saturday night, Nov. 8 the Iotla B. Y. P. U. met at the home of Mr. J. H. Swafford.

After playing some games they all met in the dining room and were served delicious refreshments. Every body reported a good time.

WHEAT NOT COMING UP

Mr. J. E. Calloway, of Route 3, reports that wheat is not coming up very good, and what was up did not look healthy. Mr. Calloway thinks that last week's rain will be a considerable benefit to the wheat crop.

LOCAL JUNIORS ATTEND MEET

Houk Makes Address; Sisk Presents Bible; Stribling Heads Party

Quite a number of Macon county citizens headed by Jack Stribling of Franklin, acting under the authority of District number one, Junior Order of American Mechanics participated in a beautiful presentation service of a Bible and the Flag to Carolina Teacher's College at Cullowhee last Sunday. The faculty quartette of the college furnished the music; local ministers assisted with the program; Prof. G. L. Houk made an address; Dean Sisk presented the Bible; Dr. H. T. Hunter made the acceptance speech; Hugh Monteith presented the Flag and Dean Byrd of the faculty spoke in behalf of the college.

Altogether it was a splendid program, beautifully carried out, with lofty purpose and done in the name of a splendid Order.

Mrs. Pearce Sends Letter of Welcome To Motorcaders

The current issue of "The City Builder" published by the Chamber of Commerce of Atlanta carries column after column of good things about and references to Western North Carolina. Space forbids more than a reference here, but we give below a letter from Ruth H. Pearce of the local Chamber of Commerce in which she extends a welcome to all those who join the motorcade in December:

"To all Atlantans and Georgians Franklin at all times has an outside latch-string and wide-flung door. But most especially at this time do we wish to open our arms in a gesture of warm welcome to those Georgians who are to be members of the Atlanta-Asheville motorcade.

"Were the citizens of Franklin to follow their natural bent they would turn out en masse at the Georgia line on the day of the motorcade to welcome it into North Carolina and to Franklin. Most particularly do they feel honored that the motorcade officials have chosen Franklin for their pause for lunch.

"Our civic organizations are following with the keenest interest development of plans. Our civic bodies are busy with plans for plenty of food and gallons of hot coffee.

"From the time the members of the motorcade cross the state line they will begin to feel our welcome in the air. And it will not be solely because of representative citizens of Western North Carolina who will meet them there and escort them into Franklin. Even the mountains will say it to them. And our paved scenic highway will unfold to them miles upon miles of a smooth, smiling welcome.

"RUTH H. PEARCE,
Secretary, Franklin Chamber of Commerce."

INFANT DIES

The seven-days old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ledford, of Burningtown, died a few days ago and was laid to rest in the cemetery near their home.

CAMERON M'RAE PRESIDING JUDGE

Special Venire of 100 Jurymen Ordered Summoned

REESE STILL AT LARGE

Sam Green and Dan Stafford Sentenced to State Prison

With no deviation from age-long custom, the grand jury, consisting of 18 citizens of Macon county, was called before his honor, Judge Cameron McRae, to receive the usual charge of the court.

The court's charge was not what one would call a formal charge, but rather a sensible, quiet talk to the grand jury as to their duties under the law to their county and state.

In touching upon the duty of the grand jury to the inmates of charitable institutions and jails the court was exceedingly tender in his solicitude for these unfortunate ones, reminding the jury that prisoners and our aged poor are still human beings and deserve to be treated as such.

One of the high lights in the court's instructions was his reference to the frequent killings by automobile on our highways. It was stated from the bench that there were 30,000 people killed by autoists during the past year, or more than two for every day of the year.

BRYSON BROTHERS' CASE

The Bryson brothers of Cherokee county, who are charged with murder in the first degree growing out of the killing of Chief Carringer of Murphy, and which case was transferred to this county, were called before his honor and arraigned. A special venire of 100 jurymen were ordered summoned. The case was set for trial Thursday morning and will certainly occupy the day.

LIQUOR CASE

Five young men of Macon county were arraigned in court Tuesday for violating the prohibition law. At the trial it developed that certain ones among the accused were "not guilty" and the state so ordered.

Four of the young men went to trial. There was no "evidence" in the case upon which a jury could convict, so the verdict was "not guilty."

Editor's Note: The above has been written in order that we may ask a question: Why all this expense and all this humiliation unless officers know they have a case?

FIVE MORE BOYS

It would take a philosopher to offer a good reason for the commission of the crime charged to five white boys in superior court one day this week. Each one of the boys has had training and advantages which should put him beyond the commission of any such crime. And yet, a store was broken into and certain articles removed therefrom. It was not a question of hunger; it was not a question of real need.

Perhaps an explanation may be found in the fact that there were two older men—not present at the trial, but who influenced the boys to commit the crime. If this is the explanation then the two older men should be made to suffer.

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