

Mississippi Events

Principal Happenings Over the State Told in Short Paragraphs

The levee in the Riverside district of Washington and adjoining counties are intact while the mighty "Father of Waters" continues to beat upon the mountains of dirt, gravel and bags of sand and they are still holding. The planters of the country, and especially of Leland district, as well as the individuals generally, have co-operated splendidly in offering their services for subduing the mighty flood. The planters have sent at different times 1,500 negro laborers to work on the levees. The local post of the American Legion are now patrolling along the line of the levee district.

County Agent G. C. Menzies, co-operating with the Woman's Council of the county, is making a special poultry drive at Winona. The interest in poultry is strong in the county and more chickens will be raised in this county this year than any time during its history. Mr. Menzies has arranged for a poultry car to stop at Winona each week where poultry will be bought by a buyer at the car.

Twenty-three out of 27 negroes applying for teaching certificates in Tiptah in the series of examination held failed, according to Prof. J. E. Pearce. records, only four of these negroes turning in papers even approximating a justification of a passing grade. Tiptah negro teachers, however will have another set of examinations this week when many of those who failed will probably take another chance at the questions.

Farm demonstrators of Mississippi are suggesting to farmers that it is not too late to sow lespedeza on out land or bottom lands that have been recently plowed or are soon to be broken. Lespedeza grows well all over Mississippi, and in a number of counties in the state farmers have found it a money-making crop, both in hay and seed value.

The case of Miss Ivy Hicks, private secretary of Governor Russell against Corso & Cefalu, in which the plaintiff sought \$15,000 damages on account of injuries received in an automobile accident which occurred here last summer, was settled in circuit court at Gulfport, the jury awarding Miss Hicks \$800. Gov. Russell came from Jackson to testify in the case.

The Attala County chamber of commerce was formally organized at an enthusiastic meeting with the election of Warren Potts, president, and H. T. Leonard, secretary. Over \$2,000 was readily subscribed for the support of the organization and an aggressive campaign was launched for more members.

The boards of supervisors in the delta and the highland counties adjoining the same are invoking the Kiger game law in order to protect deer which have fled from the flood. The ruthless slaughter of deer in times past has been most lamentable, in some instances one man killing 65 in a day.

The town authorities in connection with the Washington County officials, backed up by a representative body of the best citizens of Leland, have been cleaning house. War has been declared on all dives of every sort. Bootlegging and gambling and vice of every kind has been put on the run.

Newhebron High School will elect a new principal next session. Prof. L. E. O'Mara, who has been principal of Newhebron High School for the past two seasons has decided not to remain at the head of the school another year.

The vegetable movement from Hazlehurst has ended its first week and the farmers are not very much encouraged over prospects. Prices have not been good, and quantities of vegetables are not near as great as once expected.

One man was killed and three persons wounded in a shooting affray engaged in by two families near Brookhaven which ended only when the shotgun used by one of the men was shot from his hand.

Twenty-seven Sunday schools, located in rural sections have been set up by Prof. W. H. Murley of Blue Mountain, field secretary of the American Sunday School Union of Philadelphia.

Sheriff A. L. Crosby of Wayneboson has announced that he will on the first Monday in June, 1932, sell all lands in Wayne County where taxes have not been paid.

A splendid increase in cream from this territory has been noted in the past week at the Winona Creamery. The spring pastures are much better than usual at this season and the number of fresh milk cows is above the average.

Within a short time the engineer of the state highway, commission will make a survey of the road from Starkville to the A. & M. College preparatory to actual work in completing a hard-surfaced road of the highest type of construction.

The 24th convention of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs was held at Brookhaven with over 100 delegates and a number of visitors in attendance.

The first carload of truck from Jones County for 1932 was shipped from Moxelle last week. It was a mixed car of cabbage and peas.

The postoffice at Montrose has been changed after 18 years continuous service. The new postmaster is Benj. H. Chatham.

WOMENS INTEREST IN POLITICS INCREASES

In Registration Ordered in Hinds County the Woman Are Coming Out Faster Than Men.

Jackson.—Women who are eligible to vote, or who will be after registration, are taking much more interest in the question of qualifying themselves this year than they did before. Here in Jackson and Hinds County, where a new registration was ordered for both the city and county, the women are coming forward faster than the men. This is especially true in the city. Reports from other parts of the state indicate that women in the cities are showing more interest than those in the rural districts. This is probably due to the direct influence of women's organizations in the cities, which are active in urging women not to shirk this important civic duty.

While it is only necessary to be registered four months before the general election in November, experience has shown that delay is dangerous, and those who procrastinate will find themselves at the last minute just a day or so too late to get on the books in time.

Every county registrar will soon advertise the fact that he will bring the registration books to each precinct in the county, giving notice of the date in the precinct to register all who have not had opportunity to visit the county seat. This must be done in time for the registrar to reach every precinct at least four months before the election in November.

After the registrations close for the general election, the pool books will be made up and the county commissioners will meet to cull out all persons who have not paid poll and other taxes or who may be found to be disqualified from any other cause.

In the primary elections it is not necessary to be registered four months before the primary; but those registered and qualified to vote in the general election will be entitled to vote in the primaries.

Pays State \$13,000

Jackson.—T. M. Henry, insurance commissioner, has paid over to Stokes V. Robertson, state revenue agent, an additional sum of \$13,000. This with the amount of \$15,700 previously paid aggregates approximately \$29,000 paid over on the revenue agent's claim of approximately \$56,000 due to the state. Included in this settlement is the \$10,000 which was tendered to the state treasurer and refused by him on the ground that it should be paid to the revenue agent or into court.

Schools Break Attendance Records.

Ripley.—Practically all the public schools of the county are closed. The session lasted for five and one-half months and was considered one of the most successful that the county has ever had. John E. Pearce, superintendent of education of Tippah county, has made the following statement concerning the attendance during the past session: "The session just closed shows the best attendance of any year since the inauguration of the public school system in the state."

County Gains in Hog Sales.

Yazoo City.—Yazoo county is again coming to the front in the production and sale of hogs. Yazoo farmers in March shipped eight carloads of hogs through the county demonstration agent. J. S. McKewen, demonstration agent, has sent out questionnaires relating to hogs and cattle raising, and is especially emphasizing the value of one or more good brood sows on every farm.

Much Interest in Scholarship.

Yazoo City.—Much interest is being manifested by students of the Yazoo City High school in the \$4,000 scholarship to be given by the highway and highway transport education committee, of Washington, to the high school student who writes the best essay in the subject, "What Good Roads Are Doing for the Development of My Community."

Much Mississippi Lumber Shipped.

Gulfport.—Much lumber has left Gulfport harbor in recent clearances, which are as follows: The Mexican steamer Jalisco, for Tampico, Mexico, via Houston, with 308,000 feet of lumber for Dieppe, France, and the American schooner William E. Burnham, for Sierra Leone, West Africa, with 698,000 feet of lumber.

State Truck Growers Ass'n Active.

Jackson.—The State Truck Growers' association composed at the present time of 18 branch associations, and having its headquarters at Jackson, has shipped 11 carloads of fruit and vegetables from the state.

Gas Fumes Overcome Evangelist.

Columbus.—Matthew C. Cayce, 56 of Nashville, Tenn., died from asphyxiation while taking a bath. He had been conducting a series of revival meetings at the Church of Christ here.

Must Register by July 7th.

Jackson.—July 7 is the last day upon which Mississippians expecting to participate in the general election in November and the August primary for the selection of senatorial and congressional candidates may register, according to Attorney-General Frank Robertson. According to Mr. Robertson, the general impression prevails that persons desiring to vote must be registered four months prior to the primary, when the law requires their registration only four months before the November general election.

Tippah Man Promoted.

Blue Mountain.—Joe L. McMillin, formerly of this place, who achieved signal distinction in the American Red Cross during the World War, has been made state agent for Georgia in one of the leading life insurance companies of the nation.

A. & M. Buildings Near Completion.

Starkville.—The new buildings which are under construction for the A. & M. college here are nearing completion.

FREIGHT RATES ARE TOO HIGH ON FARM PRODUCTS

JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE MAKES REPORT ON FINDINGS.

REDUCTION SHOULD BE MADE

Transportation Charges on Agricultural Products as Well as Many Other Commodities Are Out of Relation to Price.

Washington.—Transportation rates on products of agriculture, as on many other commodities, now "bear a disproportionate relation of the price of such commodities" and should be immediately reduced, according to findings of the joint congressional committee of agriculture inquiry, announced by Chairman Anderson. Not only should these freight charges come down, the reported declared, but in the future rate-making bodies and railroad traffic officers should give "greater consideration to the relative value of commodities in the making of rates" and let existing charges on high-priced finished products stand if necessary to remove cost burdens from basic materials.

Exhaustive review of the transportation situation has convinced the commission, Chairman Anderson said, that "pyramided per cent advances" of freight rates during the war and following years "caused dislocation or long-standing relationships between rates on agricultural and industrial products and between competitive enterprises and competitive territories," which dislocation should now be removed. The object of rate-making bodies should be, he said, in presenting the commission's views, "to readjust rates so far as practicable . . . to the relationship existing prior to 1918."

Outside of its general conclusions, the commission advanced three specific proposals to better transportation service for farmers, the first being the enlargement of "competitive avenues of distribution through which the largest number of consumers can reasonably be reached;" the second was the extension of through rates on grain "to points of consumption through two or more competitive primary markets;" and the third, the extension of the principle that coarse grains, such as corn, should take lower charges than breadstuffs. Adequate car equipment should also be maintained, it was added.

Further, the commission found that "live stock shows marked fluctuation in shipment volume" and that railroads, stockyards and shippers should cooperate to even out the supply at market points, thus preventing price and charge impositions, while hay, as the bulkiest farm commodity, required "a reduction in both freight and sales margin before there can be resumption of normal shipments." Costs on live stock distribution also must be brought down, it was held.

On dairy products and on cotton, the commission concluded that freight charges had not had so serious an effect as upon some other farm stuffs, and as to wool, Mr. Anderson remarked that its prices "to the producer has been depressed somewhat by freight rates but primarily by disorderly and unscientific marketing."

Moving to the study of indirect freight costs affecting farmers as they enhance prices of things farmers buy, Chairman Anderson said that "fertilizer prices were found to be close to pre-war basis except for freight costs." Forty prices of farm implements, it was concluded, are now rapidly receding to a lower price level, but freight rates now accumulate to the point of being 15 per cent of the price farmers pay for machinery, while before the war the freight charges constituted but 11 per cent.

Coal and steel, being of "intimate interest" to the farming consuming population, the commission likewise declared that freight charges on steel represented 41 per cent of its cost, while bituminous coal should be subjected to "reductions in mine price, freight rates and sales margins."

As to lumber, it was suggested that railroads could "better afford" assessments of relatively higher rates on short haul business to give needed relief to long haul traffic" while petroleum products were found to be influenced "little if at all" by freight exactations. Dry goods and other commodities were in this category, too, in the commission's expressed opinion.

Bishop Beatty Dies.

Nashville.—The Rt. Rev. Troy Beatty, bishop coadjutor of the Episcopal diocese of Tennessee and acting head of the church in the state since 1919, died at his home here Sunday, following an illness of five days of double pneumonia.

Nominated For Collector of Customs.

Washington.—A. R. Noble, of Anniston, Ala., has been nominated by President Harding to be collector of customs district No. 19, with headquarters at Mobile, Ala.

Ill-Fated Theatre to Be Sold.

Washington.—What is left of the ill-fated Knickerbocker theatre—the grim walls and the site where 97 persons lost their lives when the roof collapsed last January—will be sold this week at public auction.

Harding Indorses Poppy Day.

New York.—Indorsement of Flanders poppy day by President Harding was announced by the veterans of foreign wars who are heading a move for the wearing of the inter-allied memorial flower on memorial day.



MRS. PETER OLESEN

Mrs. Peter Olesen of Colquet, Minn., who has been nominated by the Democratic convention at Minneapolis as the candidate for the United States senate. Mrs. Olesen is the first woman to be nominated for this office by a major party. She is a native of Minnesota, a speaker of note and in 1914 was sent to Washington as the delegate of the governor of Minnesota to the International Child Welfare convention.

\$1,000,000.00 FOR FLOOD CONTROL

RESOLUTION RUSHED THROUGH SENATE AND HOUSE WITHIN HOUR AFTER PROPOSED.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF

\$7,000,000 Carried in Army Bill To Be Handled by Mississippi River Commission Not Available Until July 1—Will Relieve Situation.

Washington.—The sum of one million dollars for control of flood waters of the Mississippi river, now at the highest stage in years, was made available by a resolution rushed through the Senate and House within an hour after the proposal made by southern members had been approved by Secretary Weeks and Director Dawes of the budget.

In presenting the resolution, chairman Madden of the appropriations committee explained that nearly \$7,000,000 was carried in the pending army bill to be handled by the Mississippi river commission under the flood control. This fund would not be available until after July 1, but Mr. Madden declared an emergency existed and that without immediate help there was danger of tremendous loss of life and property damage, for otherwise the flood waters might overrun the levees and extend to the Valley.

Secretary Weeks, in a letter to congress, urging the immediate consideration of the relief resolution, said the flood stage was extreme, and that the water was higher at places than ever known before, that along stretches of 20 miles it was above the levees.

The loss of life, should the levees be unable to stand the strain much longer, and break, would be incalculable and would result in a great national disaster, Secretary Weeks said.

Chairman Madden said the resolution made no drain upon the federal treasury, as it merely authorized the use at this time of part of the appropriation soon to be available, and would be deducted later from the bill's total.

Good headway has been made, he declared, in constructing levees so as to prevent flood disasters.

Germany Pays Monthly Installment.

Paris.—The German government has paid the reparations commission the first monthly installment on the new schedule of payments fixed by the commission on March 21, in pursuance to decisions of the allied finance ministers. The installment just paid was 18,000,000 gold marks, and subsequent payments are to be 50,000,000 gold marks monthly.

Two Rescue Workers Killed.

Morgantown, W. V.—Two rescue workers were killed and two others injured at the Alma mine of the Sturua coal company near here when they were crushed under a fall of slate while searching for the bodies of two miners buried several days ago in a cave-in.

Gasoline Reserve is Billion Gallons.

Washington.—A billion gallon storage of reserve gasoline has been forecast by the bureau of mines in a report showing a reserve of March 1 of \$18,500,000 gallons, the largest in the history of the industry.

Stevedores Strike Ended.

Baltimore, Md.—The strike of negro stevedores employed in unloading large schooners has been ended by a compromise with the masters of the craft affected by which the laborers received a slight advance in wages.

Levee Breaks in Illinois.


Murphysboro.—A big break in the levee near Degonia and Fountain Bluff, a small town southwest of here, was reported and water was said to be rushing over many acres of cultivated farm land. No loss of life was reported.

Approves \$5,000,000 Loan to Liberia Washington.—By a vote of 13 to 9 the house ways and means committee has favorably reported the Fordney resolution authorizing a loan of \$5,000,000 to the republic of Liberia.

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And Bridegroom's Explanation Only Added to the Ludicrousness of the Situation.

A widower in a Pennsylvania town, no longer a young man, gave the clergyman a good deal of trouble by his stupidity on the occasion of his second marriage. He seemed to be possessed by some spirit of contrariety.

When told to give his right hand he gave his left. When the minister said: "Say this after me," he immediately replied: "Say this after me." Then, when the words he was to repeat were given, he was stolidly silent.

At last he seemed to be aware that the minister was somewhat disturbed, and in the middle of the service he upset the reverend gentleman's gravity by volunteering this apology:

"You see, sir, it's so long since I was married before that you must excuse my getting these things mixed."

Sad Case.

Mrs. Jones (sighing)—The gas company collector was around today and got his money.

Jones—Well, that's good. What's the matter? Why weep over a paid bill?

Mrs. Jones—Oh, my dear, boo hoo—oh, dear! You see, he was held up just outside and came back and—oh, dear—collected it all over again.—New York Sun.

A Scratched Record.

One day recently Mary Birdella, age five, were visiting their grandmother, whom they call mamma. Mary Birdella was singing to one of her dolls when mamma joined in on the refrain. Harriet Jane looked up and said, very soberly: "Aw, mamma, your record's scratched."

Too many people do not even think they are thinking.

HAD TO GO WITHOUT GAP

Mr. Johnson Really Had Good Excuse for Not Joining Posse on Hunt for Robbers.

"Paw," excitedly exclaimed young Runt, "Zeke Yawkey and a passel of fellers are out in front. They say the bank at Tumbleville has been robbed, and they want you to grab your gun and go with 'em to hunt the robbers!"

"Tell 'em I'm much obliged and powerful sorry," replied Gap Johnson of Bumpus Ridge, "but I ain't in no shape to join 'em. Gaber Greenold dropped in a spell ago and loved that as he was going to be married this afternoon to the Widder McCorkindale he'd like to horry my best britches to wear during the anecdote, and as I fell I'd just about as soon sleep today as not I let him have 'em. And your paw is just sewing up the table end of my old ones when the roan cow hooked me by mistake for her calf or something. So you tell the gents, Runt, that if 'twas any other time I'd be tickled to go with 'em, but just at present I'll have to lay out."—Kansas City Star.

Poor Henry.

Heek—"Do you play any instrument?" Peck (sally)—"Second fiddle at home."—Boston Transcript.

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STIRRED UP THE COMMUNITY

Gap Johnson's Good Reasons for Thinking Confessions Can Be a Little Too Public.

Mr. Jenkins Took a Cracked Club To Tame Lions



The exhibition ended rather badly. It very nearly was a big day for the lions and a sad day for Mr. Jenkins—all for want of proper care in getting ready.

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