

NEGRO WHOM SHERIFF FORGOT TO HANG MAY BE LEGALLY DEAD, ATTORNEY GENERAL ADMITS

Governor Invited to Consider Remarkable Case—Negro's Application for Pardon is Before the Pardon Board With Recommendations, and He Will Probably Be Given His Liberty by Order of That Body.

(By Associated Press.)
Baton Rouge, La., Feb. 9.—Lonnie Eaton, the negro whom the sheriff forgot to hang, may be legally dead. Attorney General Cocco admitted. He said he did not know, but the reports from Cuchito Parish prison, where Lonnie had been eating three square meals daily since his execution were mislaid by Sheriff Grant Feb. 4, do not indicate that his appetite suffered on account of his possible demise.

Sheriff Grant wrote the governor yesterday that in the press of civil and criminal matters he forgot to hang the negro. He did not know what to do about it and asked for instructions.

The governor turned the matter over to the attorney general, who is raking the law books for precedents. Attorney General Cocco said today there was an application for commutation of the negro's death sentence pending before the pardon board, with recommendations for clemency, and added that as a member of the board he favored it.

FIRE IN CANADA HOME DESTROYS THREE LIVES

(By Associated Press.)
La Chute, Quebec, Feb. 9.—Three children and a housemaid lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the residence of Leo Carrier at Pine Hill yesterday.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION MONDAY

Bartow, Feb. 9.—(Special)—The county commissioners met in regular monthly session here yesterday. Matters of routine business only were discussed, and county bills disposed of. The schedule of business for today included the consideration of a number of road petitions.

If you are a Sunday school worker, get some aid and guide to your work from Karl Lehmann and Chas. Evans, at the First Presbyterian church next Friday.

BARTOW TO INSTALL AUTOMATIC PHONES

Bartow, Feb. 9.—(Special)—The last shipment of automatic telephone equipment for Bartow, it is promised, will be made from the factory on Feb. 20. This will be a shipment of line switches, the mechanism that actually replaces the operators. The cable has already been received. The company now has ready for use 12,000 feet of cable and the work of laying it will begin this week.

Manager N. E. Jordan of the Bartow branch of the company, says that the automatic will surely be ready for service by the first of May, if everything goes as conditions now promise that they will.

There will be special music here to install the more delicate parts of the equipment, and some of the Tampa force will be sent over for the work. It is probable that after the change, women will be employed to care for the switch room instead of men as has been the custom under the present system. Women, it is said, manage the Tampa room, and it is considered probable that the new room here will be turned over to them. Trouble is indicated by colored lights, each difficulty appearing in a different color so that each may be quickly recognized and remedied.

The toll board, Mr. Jordan thinks, will probably not arrive until some time after the automatic equipment gets here. A new toll board large enough to accommodate four girls, has been ordered. It is considered the best board made and should vastly improve the long distance service. The board now in use in the office is practically new, and is of good make, but only two girls can work on it at the same time and more are needed.

The offices will be changed from their present location in the Oliphant building to the Miller building on Central avenue. They will occupy the whole second story of the building. Bartow has been looking forward to installation of the automatic equipment for many months. It was at first thought that it would be in operation by January 1st this year. Delay in the receiving of the equipment, due to strikes in the factory and on the railroads, prevented the expected service at that date.

Come and hear Karl Lehmann and Chas. Evans, C. E. experts, at the First Presbyterian church next Friday.

TULSA, OKLA., NEGROES RAPIDLY INCREASING

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 9.—The negro population of Tulsa, Okla., is 8,424, an increase of 330 per cent. The whites number 63,430, an increase of 296 per cent.

STEAMER IN MID-OCEAN SENDS OUT URGENT CALL

(By Associated Press.)
Boston, Feb. 9.—An urgent call from an unidentified steamer in mid-Atlantic was forwarded here today by the freighter West Imboden, bound from Rotterdam to Galveston. The calls were heard last night.

GENERAL SMUTS WON IN YESTERDAY'S ELECTION

(By Associated Press.)
Pretoria, South Africa, Feb. 9.—General Smuts, prime minister of the Union of South Africa party under Smuts' leadership won the victory.

WOMAN SIGNED WHITE PETITION UNDER MISTAKE

(By Associated Press.)
Cleveland, Feb. 9.—Mrs. A. H. Tyke, Democratic National committee woman from Ohio, in a statement today, declared her signature to the letter to George White, chairman of the National Committee, virtually demanding his resignation, was obtained by Committee man Love of Texas through a misunderstanding. She telegraphed White last night that she was a firm supporter of his, and requested her signature on the round robin made public in Washington be disregarded.

VISITING PARTY TOURS COUNTRY THIS MORNING

The party of Pennsylvania tourists reached Lakeland last evening and left early this morning for a sight-seeing trip through the country surrounding Lakeland, the autos necessary being furnished by public-spirited citizens. Most of the party, which numbers nearly ninety, are from Lancaster county, and all are from south eastern Pennsylvania, the trip having been arranged by Mr. Shank of the party in conjunction with the railroads. The trip is paid for in advance by the travelers at a cost of \$250.00 each, and they have already taken in the east coast of the state, and expect to see Tampa, St. Petersburg and other west coast towns and to stop in Atlanta and one or two other points of interest on the homeward stretch.

Members of the party talk interestingly of their impressions and state that they note a greater agricultural development in this part of the state than in other sections visited. Most of the party belong to the religious sect known as Mennonites, and speak the dialect of the "Pennsylvania Dutch." They belong to the prosperous farming class that has made Lancaster county so well-known. While their quaint dress and dialect attracts the attention of the residents here, the tourists are in turn noting and commenting on the mannerisms and customs that seem queer to them. Before leaving on the trip this morning, each member of the party was presented with a choice orange by the local branch of the Florida Citrus Exchange.

Lakeland's hospitable spirit was right on hand and the visitors are leaving with warm expressions of admiration for Lakeland's beautiful scenery and wonderful climate.

Finest Country Yet
The party this morning had a very enjoyable trip. The towns and communities visited were: Auburndale, Lake Alfred, Orange Villa, Winter Haven, Eagle Lake, Bartow, and Lakeland Highlands.

They returned to Lakeland at 11:20, and many of them, speaking for the entire party, declared that the trip this morning was the most enjoyable they had made in Florida, and that the country they saw was the finest they had visited.

DR. J. F. WILSON RECEIVED WORD OF BROTHER'S DEATH

The many friends of Dr. J. F. Wilson will sympathize with him in the sorrow that has come to him with the news that his youngest brother, Robert L. Wilson of Darlington, S. C., was killed Tuesday night at about midnight at Savannah, Ga. Mr. Wilson was a railroad man and it is supposed that he met death while about his work. He was about thirty years of age and unmarried. Dr. Wilson left for Darlington today.

All In The Day's News



MEETING OF THE FLORIDA ENGINEERING SOCIETY IS MARKED BY FINE ADDRESSES

The Florida Engineering Society closed an interesting and profitable convention at one o'clock Tuesday, and the members left for their respective homes with many appreciative words for Lakeland and her citizens.

The Monday morning session opened with addresses of welcome from Hon. Frank Thompson, mayor of Lakeland; C. E. Todd, president Rotary Club; and C. O. Pinch president of the Chamber of Commerce, and these were responded to by R. D. Martin of Tampa, president of the Florida Engineering Society.

During the business session which followed a discussion came up relative to the work of the State Road Department and the present situation with regard to it. A special committee was appointed to co-operate with the state road commission in securing legislation to correct the past unsatisfactory condition of affairs, it being the sentiment of the meeting that the state road department should be continued and its usefulness increased by preventing policies from entering into the management. The point was brought out that full authority in technical matters should be in the hands of the state highway engineer, after the commission has decided what roads shall be built.

A. Browne of Tallahassee, the present highway engineer, was present and expressed his appreciation of this support from the Society. Monday afternoon was given over to recreation, part of the delegation going to the South Florida Fair and the rest taking in the motorcade through the sections east and south of Lakeland. Those who went on the ride were profuse in their enthusiasm over the beauty and productiveness of the community. Stopping at the Country Club at the Lakeland Highlands they were served a very refreshing fruit punch, through the thoughtfulness of the W. F. Hallam Company.

The meeting Monday evening consisted of a program of fine addresses. President Martin delivered the president's annual address using as his topic, "The Development of Florida," which was so full of information interestingly presented that the Telegram in response to several requests will publish the address in full.

The next address was to have been by L. R. McLain, consulting engineer, on "The Federation of American Engineering Societies." Mr. McLain was not present and his helpful paper was omitted from the evening's program and read Tuesday morning.

A. Breth, assistant professor of civil engineering at the University of Florida, spoke on "The Engineers' Relation to Malaria Control," and Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler entertained.

The beautiful new home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wheeler was for the first time the scene of a social gathering Tuesday evening, when its hospitable doors were opened to the Progressive Rook Club members and their husbands.

Roses and sweetpeas were charmingly arranged in the living rooms and a bowl of nasturtiums made the centerpiece for the dining table. In the games, Mr. Greth won the gentlemen's prize, an attractive

book, while Mrs. Bennett won the ladies' prize, a beautiful cut-glass candy jar. Of the consolation prizes, the one fell to Mr. Cason and was a deck of cards, while the useful little mustard jar was bestowed on Mrs. Owens. A beautifully arranged salad course was served with hot coffee, the hostess being assisted by Miss Genevieve Morrow.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McIlwain, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Jones, Jr., and Mrs. J. C. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Waring, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Cason, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Grether, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Tweedell, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Pickard, Mrs. C. D. Clough, Mrs. Leon Thompson, Mr. Mulberry and Mrs. J. B. Turpin of St. Louis, Mo.

Before adjourning, the society gave a vote of thanks to Lakeland, and to the organizations which assisted in local arrangements, mentioning H. D. Mendenhall, who was head of the committee on arrangements.

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The total expense for teachers' salaries in the senior and junior high schools, according to the superintendent's report, is \$7,105. According to the last report, the total expenditure for incidentals, janitor, insurance, etc., was \$30,284.54. A total expenditure of the high school department per month was \$7,862. Dividing this by the number of students attending the schools, the cost per student is a little more than \$8 per month.

The total expense for teachers' salaries at all other schools and the grammar department of these junior and senior high schools is \$22,935 per month. The amount expended for all purposes other than teachers' salaries and interest on bonds was \$3,028 per month, making a total monthly expenditure per month of \$25,963.

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CHARGE MADE THAT LEGION BEING PACKED

Members of Bureaus Having Charge of Soldiers' Relief Are Crowding Into Committees of the Legion, Declares Abel Davis of Chicago, Before Committee—Says Bureaus "Licked Us to a Frazzle" on Relief Question.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 9.—Charges that the government bureaus concerned with soldiers' relief are packing the committees of the American Legion with bureau employees who are members of the Legion, were made today before the Legion's executive committee by Abel Davis, of Chicago, chairman of the hospitalization committee. "As a result, the work of the Legion in soldier relief matters is being greatly handicapped," said Davis, who added that at the Cleveland convention the "bureaus licked us to a frazzle in all matters relating to veterans relief, and the legion wondered how it was done."

LAKELAND WILL SEND BIG SHRINE BUNCH TO TAMPA

Lakeland Shriners have arranged to storm Tampa in full force tomorrow, Thursday will be Shriners' day at the south Florida fair and there are going to be great doings all day long. The principal events will be a magnificent parade during the afternoon and at night a ceremonial in which more than a hundred novices will tread the hot sands of the desert.

There are some from Lakeland who are prepared to pass through the ordeal and who have made their last will and testament and peace with their friends and neighbors. Some fond and quite affectionate farewells are booked for the early morning. For several days the Lakeland Shrine Club has been working out the details. President W. W. Chase having appointed a special committee composed of H. R. Brush as chairman, C. Wolfson, and H. H. Register to plan for transportation of all Nobles who do not want to walk to Tampa. Local Shriners have been registering their cars at the famous and if there are any who have been neglected in this regard, they have one last opportunity to make good. The motorcade will form on Main street at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, starting shortly thereafter for Tampa. Ample provision has been made for the ladies who have a special invitation to make the Tampa trip. After arrival in Tampa all Shriners are required to register at the Hillsboro Hotel. There the ladies will be provided with tickets for amusement features and lunch. The big parade is scheduled to start at 1:45 and end at 2:30 at the Fair grounds where Egypt patrol will give some fancy drills. The ceremonial is to start immediately after supper.

Nine Lakeland Candidates
The Lakeland novices who are to make the mysterious trip, whence all travelers return wiser and better, are: J. E. Johnson, Fred Eaton, George Hoffman, Dale Williams, Albee D. Boring, Nathaniel Glover, W. B. Warfield, Lee Ford, and S. M. Kellam.

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POLK COUNTY RECEIVED MANY BLUE RIBBONS

Not Only First in Citrus Fruit the South Florida Fair But Winner of Numerous Prizes, Particularly in the Livestock Department—Had Prettiest Booth at the Fair is Conceded by All Visitors.

(By Associated Press.)
Tampa, Feb. 9.—In addition to taking first prize on citrus fruits, Polk county gathered an interesting assortment of blue ribbons, and County Agent William Gomme, who has charge of the exhibits is delighted with the results.

Following are some of the awards to Polk county exhibitors: Ayrshires—Bull two years and under, first prize, Highland Oaks Farms, Pierce; senior bull calf, first prize, Highland Oaks Farms; cow three years and over, first and second prizes, Highland Oaks Farms; cow two years and under, first prize, Highland Oaks Farms; heifer senior, Highland Oaks Farms; heifer junior, Highland Oaks Farms; senior bull champion, first prize, Highland Oaks Farms; Highland Oaks Farms took first prize in all of the following: Senior bull champion; junior bull champion; senior champion cow; junior champion cow; grand champion bull; grand champion female; aged herd; young herd; calf herd, and Get-of-Sire.

The Polk county booth at the fair is the most beautiful booth at the fair this year. It has been planned with infinite care, and the whole county has co-operated with County Agent Gomme, Field Agent Rifenburg and Home Demonstration Agent Miss Lola Godbey, to make it a section exhibiting to the best advantage, the beauty and richness of this semi-tropical section.

LAKELAND ROTARIANS WILL AID IN SEVERAL WORTHY LOCAL PROJECTS

Lakeland Rotarians enjoyed the usual semi-monthly luncheon at the Elks Hotel on Tuesday at noon. One of the pleasing events was the introduction of two new members, H. E. Pritchett, whose classification is naval stores and J. L. Gibson, wholesale groceries. The membership of Harry Brown, which ceased on his departure from St. Augustine, was renewed by the Lakeland Rotary Club. Among the visitors introduced were Samuel R. Crosby, the new secretary of the Daytona Chamber of Commerce and F. H. Schultz of Racine, Wis., Lakeland is sure to be represented at the coming district conference at Birmingham by a fair-sized delegation.

Rotarians agreed to lend their influence in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion, in endeavoring to have the city continue the band concert program by the American Legion Band.

With other committees in appearing before the city commissioners in obtaining favorable action on behalf of the band, Rotarian Pinch stressed Lakeland taking part in the welcome to and entertainment of the National Editorial Association on the occasion of the visit of the national editors to Florida next March and assurance was given that Rotarians would do their full share.

MCADOO NOT TO REVIVE ROADS IN OLD MEXICO

Mexico City, Feb. 9.—William G. McAdoo left here last night on his return to the United States. He said his trip to Mexico was one of pleasure and did not measure up to his negotiations with the Mexican government for the administration or supervision of the rehabilitation of the railroad system.

WHITE SOX PLAYERS TO BE PUT ON TRIAL

Chicago, Feb. 9.—The trial of White Sox players indicted for alleged complicity in the throwing of the 1919 world series was today set for March 14. Buck Weaver and Happy Felsch were in court at the preliminary hearing, but others were represented only by attorneys.

SENATE COMMITTEE DISAPPROVES BILL CHECKING IMMIGRATION

Washington, Feb. 9.—The house immigration bill which would have virtually stopped immigration for one year was disapproved today by the senate immigration committee by a five to four vote. The committee agreed to adopt a substitute measure tomorrow restricting immigration on a percentage basis.

Have you registered for the Institute Friday? If not, now.