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The electric storm Tuesday afternoon put the local power company out of business. When the electric current is cut off the Advertiser's motors are also put out of business. The inevitable result is a delayed paper, as this one is. It is very disconcerting to a newspaper to miss the mails, but it cannot control the elements. We regret that our subscribers must receive their papers late this week.

Not often do we hear of Grand Jurors giving much thought to the dumb animals as the present Grand Jury did in its presentation to the court last week. Unfortunately, public officials are not as much given to the execution of the laws as to the care of stock as they might be and it is to be hoped that the peace officers will give some heed to the recommendations in this respect. Work animals are helpless in the hands of cruel and thoughtless drivers and they should have protection from somewhere.

The report of the County Highway Commission to the Grand Jury, as printed in today's paper, shows that the cost of building the top-soil roads was very much higher than any of us contemplated when the highway system was first undertaken. The highway commission, however, was confronted with the same problems of high prices that all of us were confronted with during the same period and had the same problems to solve. Had the commission been foresighted enough to have foreseen that prices would fall as soon as they did, it would no doubt have been compelled by public opinion to proceed with their work regardless of their own views. We must, therefore, accept the high priced roads as an inheritance of the period of inflation and let it go at that. The commission, we believe, gave painstaking and conscientious work for nominal pay and expended its money at least in a manner that reflected credit upon its judgment and ability. The roads are well laid out and well built, and with proper maintenance will be a source of pleasure and profit to the county for years to come. A good start has been made, but other roads of the county need similar improvement.

TRIAL OF BALL PLAYERS DEFERRED TWO DAYS

Case Continued Until Wednesday in
Order to Investigate Sickness of
Absentees.

Chicago, June 27.—The trial of base ball players and others indicted in connection with the 1919 world series scandal started today but received another setback. Judge Hugo Friend continued the case until Wednesday and ordered the state to investigate the condition of Ben Franklin, St. Louis defendant, who filed an affidavit that illness prevented his attendance.

Judge Friend ordered that Carl Zork also of St. Louis, be here Wednesday despite his affidavit that he was too ill to come to the state presenting an affidavit that he had been seen on the streets in St. Louis a few days ago.

The Zork and Franklin affidavits brought a verbal fight between their attorneys and state officials, the latter reiterating charges that these two were the real leaders of the alleged conspiracy.

Whether the state would attempt to postpone the trial if Judge Friend upholds Franklin's affidavit Wednesday could not be ascertained.

The court room was crowded with baseball "fans". The former White Sox players gathered in groups, Eddie Cicotte, Joe Jackson and Claude Williams sitting together. Charles Risberg and Oscar Fiesch were in another part of the room and Buck Weaver sat apart from all of the others, as did Chick Gandil. Weaver passed the others as he came in, but did not speak to them. He is said not to be on speaking terms with the other players due to his refusal to play independent ball with them. Weaver was surrounded by friends who joked him, but the other players refused to talk.

In addition, David Zelser and Ben and Louis Levi, alleged gamblers, were present. Fred McMullin was the only former White Sox player not in court. He has not been apprehended. Rachel Brown, Joseph J. Sullivan, Hal Chase, Abe Attell and Bill Burns, the other defendants, were not present.

CLAUDE OWENS BEGINS FIVE YEAR SENTENCE

Son Convicted of Killing His Father
Abandons Appeal and Starts His
Sentence.

Claude Owens, convicted in the court of general sessions last week of manslaughter for killing his father, Allen Owens, and recommended to the mercy of the court, was given a sentence of five years in the state penitentiary or on the county chain gang. He abandoned his appeal to the higher courts for a new trial and began his sentence on the county chain gang Saturday.

The case came to a conclusion late Wednesday afternoon after the jury sitting on the case had deliberated for about an hour. Attorneys for the defendant gave notice of an appeal after the jury had rendered its verdict, openly stating that the object of the appeal was to place their client in position to return home under bond to arrange his financial affairs before beginning his sentence. Bond was granted in the sum of \$3,000 and the defendant returned home until Saturday morning when he reported to begin his sentence.

Claude Owens took the stand Wednesday morning in his own behalf. He said that he was 29 years of age and unmarried. He had lived with his father all of his life except for several small intervals, but that he had expected to leave home after the crop was gathered on account of the threats which his father had made on his life. On the morning of the tragedy he came home about 8 o'clock after having been out all night. Arthur Hostetler came in shortly afterwards. Hostetler, he said, was so drunk that Mrs. Owens came in and told the defendant to take "that thing" out of the house, whereupon he and Hostetler left, going to the swamp to hide a half gallon of liquor. On their way to the swamp they passed the cane mill, where they found his father at work with a hammer. They stopped and squatted down on the ground. The defendant asked his father to take a drink. He refused and commenced cursing the defendant, declaring that the defendant had come down to start a fuss. The defendant said, "Pa, I want to talk with you," but his father continued to abuse him and advanced on him with the hammer. His father struck at him with the hammer, but missed him. The defendant began drawing his gun as his father advanced. When the hammer blow failed, his father grabbed the pistol which went off. His father fell on him and then to the ground, all the time holding the pistol which he continued to fire. On a question from his counsel, the defendant declared that he shot to save his life.

Arthur Hostetler, who had previously testified for the state, said that on the way from the house to the cane mill the defendant drew his pistol and shot several times, exclaiming "I am as mean as Hell." The defendant on cross examination denied making the statement, but admitting shooting several times, saying that he shot at a hawk. According to Hostetler's version of the affair, when Claude Owens, father refused to take a drink, Claude brought up the question of reports which he said his father had been making about him. A heated discussion followed, resulting in the he being passed and father and son going together. The shooting then began. Testimony was introduced on both sides showing that there had been much estrangement in the family. The contention of the state was that as a result of this Claude Owens deliberately set out on the morning of the tragedy to pick a fuss with his father and that the killing followed as a result.

Sacramental Service

We expect to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper next Sabbath at the Presbyterian church in connection with the morning service at 11 o'clock.

We affectionately urge every member of our church to be present and cordially invite our brethren whose membership may be in other branches of the Church to commune with us. Sabbath School at 9:45 A. M. Evening preaching service at 8 o'clock.

C. T. SQUIRES, Pastor,
First Presbyterian Church.

Returns From Laundry Meeting

Mr. H. C. Paulsen, manager of the Laurens Steam Laundry, returned Friday from the meeting of laundrymen held at Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach, N. C. Mr. Paulsen reports a very pleasant and profitable meeting. Mr. Paulsen himself contributing somewhat to the entertainment of the meeting with some original verse. He did all that he could, he said, and succeeded in putting Laurens on the laundrymen's map.

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CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. S. J. Craig Given "Surprise
Party" by Her Nieces at Ora.

Ora, June 22.—The beautiful home of Mrs. S. J. Craig was the scene of gay festivity on Wednesday afternoon from five to seven o'clock. The occasion was a "surprise party" given by her nieces, Mrs. S. H. Fleming, Mrs. J. L. McClintock and Mrs. D. M. McClintock, in celebration of her eightieth birthday. All of the nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews living in Ora were present.

Upon arriving, the guests were met at the door by Miss Rosabel Fleming and John Hunter McClintock, who ushered them into the reception room where they were presented to the dame of honor. A program of popular selections on the Edison and a number of the dear old songs were beautifully and touchingly rendered by the entire company, after which the presence of the guests was explained and the invitation into the dining room given by the following ode composed by Mrs. J. L. McClintock and charmingly read by Augusta McClintock:

Dear Aunt Jane,
On this occasion I cannot refrain
From offering congratulations, and
will say
We are happy to be here your birthday.

You have borne your age so well
That the number would be hard to tell.
Your rosy cheeks and hair so dark
Make us wonder if you do not use
rouge and walnut bark.

The older ones the secret do impart:
Tis your happy smile and loving
heart.

From you the cue the younger ones
will take
And like yours, our lives we'll strive
to make.

So few have been given full eighty
years,
Yours have had joy and some tears.
For the years which time may add
We all join in wishing none be sad.

So come into the dining room where
we'll find employ
In feasting and gladness with hearts
full of joy.

The guests then repaired to the dining room which was lovely with cut flowers and ferns, especially the table graced by a beautiful birthday cake laden with eighty lighted candles. Misses Alice McClintock, Rosabel Fleming and Augusta McClintock, assisted by Misses Lizzie and Belle Craig, served delightful ices and cake. After reminiscences of former days, the guests departed wishing her "Many happy returns of the day."

SEVEN CIVILIANS AND 5 POLICEMEN INDICTED

Chief Gustafson of Tulsa Police Force
Suspended After Indictment. Final
Report Shows Cause of Race Riot.

Tulsa, Okla., June 25.—Grand jury investigation of the recent race riot here led today to the return of indictments against seven civilians and five of the city police, including Chief Gustafson.

Previously, about 90 indictments had been returned.

Attorney General Freeling, who conducted the inquiry, told the court he could not fully concur in the jury's findings, believing that accusations should have been made against other officials and alleged rioters. Chief Gustafson, and the four policemen charged with conspiracy to dispose of stolen automobiles, and the chief in addition is charged with failure to enforce the prohibition laws against the carrying of firearms.

On the request of the grand jury and the attorney general, District Judge Valgean Biddison, to whom the report was made, immediately ordered the suspension of Chief Gustafson from office. Judge Biddison announced that all the accused policemen stood suspended pending trial.

The final report of the grand jury was comparatively brief. It found that the race trouble resulted from armed negroes, marching up town to defend Dick Rowland, negro, from lynching; that no attempt had been made or was being made to lynch Rowland and the crowd of whites assembled at the court house was largely a peaceful one; that the armed negroes were responsible for the riot; that the whites who assembled at the court house took part in the fighting there later were not to blame.

It further found that there were underlying causes of the riot, notably the spreading of racial equality doctrine among the negroes for a considerable time by members of their own race and the storing of arms by them in a negro church and other places; that the majority of the negroes were not implicated and were ignorant of the true facts.

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Accidentally Broke Leg

Friends of Mr. J. G. Sumerel, of the Hickory Tavern section, will regret to learn of a painful accident which befell him at Hodges, in Greenwood county, last Thursday. While assisting in unloading a car of poles for the telephone company one of the poles slipped and fell across his leg, breaking both bones between the knee and ankle. He was carried to the hospital at Greenwood where he is now undergoing treatment. Mr. Sumerel has been in the employ of the Southern Bell Telephone Company since the first of the year.

Rising Sun Chapter No. 6, R. A. M.

A regular convocation of Rising Sun Chapter, No. 6, R. A. M., will be held on FRIDAY NIGHT, July 1st, at 8:00 o'clock. Members are requested to be present and to be on hand at the appointed hour. Work in M. E. M. and R. A. degrees.
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For Rent—Seven room cottage, close in, on South Harper street. Price \$25 per month. Laurens Trust Co. 50-51
For Sale—Cow fresh in milk. B. B. Bailey, Laurens Route 3. 50-11-pd
Barbecue—The public is invited to a barbecue at Mountville July 1. M. L. and H. W. Crisp. 50-11-pd
Barbecue—Come to Cold Point the Fourth of July and enjoy a big barbecue, base ball games and swimming in the crystal pool. Barbecue 50 cents per plate. T. C. Duncan, Mgr. 50-11
For Sale—Young mare, 6 years old, sound and gentle, good buggy animal and will work anywhere. Price reasonable. Janie L. Maxwell, Laurens. 50-11-pd
For Sale—A 2-gallon grade Holstein cow. Price reasonable. W. S. Holmes, 225 W. Main street. After July 4th see H. C. Fleming. 50-11-pd
Fish Stew and Ball Games—Will have a big fish stew and several ball games at Ekum July 4th. Winning teams get dinner free. Everybody come. A big day expected. 50-11-pd
For Sale—Thoroughbred Berkshire pigs. Telephone 239. J. McC. Barksdale. 50-11
Lost—One bunch of keys containing Yale night latch, P. O. key and Masonic Protective Association tag. Finder please return to J. McC. Barksdale. 50-11
Lost—Between Switzer's and Clardy & Wilson's, a bunch of keys, last Thursday. Return to C. H. Duckett and get reward. 50-11
For Sale—Ford touring car, equipped with Hassler shock absorbers, self starter and demountable rims. Eastern Motor Company. 50-11
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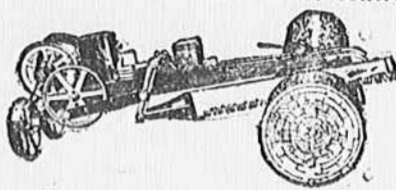
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