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RATE HIKES IN FREIGHT BRING ACTION

Meetings Set By Shippers To Form Front

By J. A. DALY
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Shippers and receivers of freight were in a dither today over actual and prospective increases in railroad, express and motor truck transportation charges, interstate and intrastate.

H. V. Fleming, traffic executive in members of the North Carolina Traffic League and to members of the Charlotte Shippers and Manufacturers Association a series of bulletins advising these corporations of the upturn in interstate freight costs.

Also, Mr. Fleming announced that two meetings will be held here to permit discussions of the motor trucking industry's proposals for rate raises on shipments moving between points in North Carolina.

THURSDAY MEETING

Executives of firms that are members of the North Carolina and Charlotte organizations of manufacturers and shippers will meet at the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce assembly room at 3 p. m. Thursday.

Discussions at that meeting will involve the shippers' and shippers' discussions with representatives of the motor truckers at a meeting Friday at 10 a. m. in Hotel Charlotte.

Each of these two conferences will be concerned with the motor carriers' plans to increase all rates on many lines by 20 per cent and to increase minimum shipment charges by as much as 25 per cent to a maximum of \$3.

Bulletins related to the 6 per cent increase, effective tomorrow on many rates for interstate railroad shipments. Some rates will be limited to lesser increases. All these raises have nationwide application.

Another bulletin related to a 10 per cent increase on all less-than-truckload and any quantity class and commodity rates for motor truck shipments between points in the Southern territory. This increase already is effective.

NORTH AND SOUTH

Another bulletin related to a 7 per cent increase of the motor truck rates listed in the preceding paragraphs for shipments between the South and the North, effective March 10.

The government said that the increase in truck rates for interstate shipments between North Carolina and other southern points and points on the Pacific Coast, effective March 10, will increase in truck rates for interstate shipments between North Carolina and other southern points and points in the Southwest and West Coast, effective April 2.

Still other increases involve trucking rates between Carolina and other southern points and points in Florida, effective March 12.

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Close Teamwork

TRINITY, Italy — A Maria Cecilia, 25, has become a mother and grandmother when 21.

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A NEW LANDMARK of Old Manhattan is this \$35-million coliseum now being completed in the Columbus Circle neighborhood in New York City. The building, 111 varies somewhat from Charlotte's coliseum is complete with office building and exhibition area. The four-story exhibition area (right) will accommodate one big show or four smaller shows at the same time. (AP)

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TOLD BY A DOCTOR 42 years ago that she had only three months to live, Mrs. Maria C. Lindstrom (above), an immigrant from Sweden now living in Chicago, will celebrate her 103rd birthday Thursday. Mrs. Lindstrom came to this country in 1910. (AP Wirephoto)

To End Strike

Westinghouse OKs Government Plan

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Our Weather

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Report Cites Farm Aid Need

WASHINGTON — Total farm income fell nearly one billion dollars last year, the Agriculture Department said today.

While this was happening, a department report said, the income of the nation's farm population, from all sources, last year totaled a little more than \$1 billion dollars.

The individual average last year was \$1,000, compared with \$1,200 in 1934. This compares with \$1,200 in 1934 and \$1,200 in 1935.

The national average of \$1,000 is based on the income of 27.5 million farm families, the department said.

Included in the farm income estimate were net values of farm operators, farm wages, allowances for farm consumption of farm products and rental value of farm dwellings, changes in inventory values of farm products, help by farmers, and earnings from nonfarm sources, such as investments, off-farm employment and the like.

The main factor in the decline in farm earnings — a major political issue in the presidential election year — was a further drop of about 10 per cent in farm product prices. The drop in prices was offset to some extent by a 1 per cent rise in the volume of farm production last year.

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College Site Action A Slow Movement

RALEIGH — Trustees of the proposed consolidated Presbyterian College heard reports from three committees this morning as a decision nears on the location for the four-year institution.

Haltling to choose between five eastern North Carolina communities in the running for the college site was scheduled to begin this afternoon.

Dr. Harold J. Dudley, executive secretary of the North Carolina Presbyterian Synod, said in this afternoon session, would be held to pick the site for the educational college estimated to cost between eight and 10 million dollars.

He said projects were that building would go on through the afternoon and into tonight. There was a possibility a final decision would not come until tomorrow.

The five communities still in consideration are Rocky Mount, Wilmington, Fayetteville, Lumberton and Laurinburg.

Dr. Dudley said the trustees would "take their time in this important matter. They won't rush the decision."

Laurinburg made the biggest offer—nearly three million dollars. All the other finalists offered as inducements at least one million dollars plus sites for the new school.

The college will be formed by merging J. W. MacDonald College at Red Springs, Peace Junior College at Raleigh and Presbyterian Junior College at Mount Airy.

Want To Get Bigger, Better Laughs? Then Telegraph Punch Line Of Joke

The first group went over the 10 jokes and ruled them in three ways—those of moderate content, those of moderate excitement and those with surprise endings.

The second group of students evaluated the same jokes on a humor rating scale—very funny, fairly funny, neutral, slightly disagreeable, unpleasant and highly unpleasant.

As for the "not so funny" type, Dr. Kenney passes along this advice: "Remember, most jokes have a 4 a.m. and you'll be in Seattle by 7:30 a.m."

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