

CARRIER COMMAND IS O'CONNOR'S TOPIC

"Highlights and Experiences With the Troop Carrier Command" will be the topic of Maj. Gerald W. O'Connor, principal speaker for the Indianapolis Bar association's dinner meeting at the Columbia club Wednesday night.

Maj. O'Connor, staff judge advocate of the First Troop Carrier command at Stout field, practiced law in New York for 20 years before entering the service. He is a graduate of Yale university.

A special committee appointed to receive the speaker by Harvey A. Grabb, association president, includes George R. Jeffrey, Thomas A. Daily, John K. Ruckelshaus, Ralph B. Gregg, V. M. Armstrong, Herbert E. Wilson and John G. Rauch.

O. E. S. GROUP TO MEET
A stated meeting will be held by North Park chapter, 404, O. E. S., at the Masonic temple, 30th and Clinton st., at 7:45 p. m. tomorrow. Mrs. Esther Stilley is the chapter's worthy matron, and Arthur McCormick is worthy patron.

Farmer Won't Sell the Mule That Helped Him 48 Years

Times Special

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The story of a 48-year-old mule whose grateful master refuses to sell him is told in a letter from E. B. Friday, of North, S. C., inserted in the Congressional Record by Rep. Fulmer (D. S. C.).

Mr. Friday wrote:

"On Dec. 21 the writer was at the home of Ed Davis, Negro farmer near here, and made a photograph of Davis and his mule. The mule was 48 years old on Nov. 15, 1942, and still going. The age of this mule can be substantiated by competent proof.

"Davis, in his younger days, drove this mule while courting the girl he married. After he married he reared a family of six children, plowing the same mule and other livestock acquired by him. He now has several other mules and other livestock, all of which are well fed and kept.

"When Davis was married he had no property but now he owns a nice farm of 150 acres and a comfortable home; he also has purchased a modern tractor, cultivators, and an up-to-date grain harvester, all of

which is paid for with the exception of a small amount owed on a small tract of land.

"How much this old mule has contributed in labor to the purchase of the farm and the support of the family would be difficult to estimate. We think that the mule and his master deserve some attention, so long have they lived on the farm together and so many thousands of miles of furrows they have plowed.

"Ed Davis is a native of Orangeburg county, and we command him as a worthy citizen who has, along with his aged mule, contributed to agricultural interests in this section.

"I do not know how long a mule will live, but am informed by veterinarians that the life of a mule is approximately 33 years.

"Davis stated to me that he had been offered a fancy price for his mule but would not sell it, and that it would remain on his farm as long as it lives."

ALUMNI GROUP TO MEET
Theta Chi alumni will meet at 3 p. m. tomorrow in the home of Earl Williamson, 5018 Guilford ave.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

MOOSE TO RECEIVE 300 IN GRAY CLASS

Members of Indianapolis lodge 17, Loyal Order of Moose, will honor their secretary, Mark R. Gray, at a meeting at 8 p. m. tomorrow in the Moose headquarters, 135 N. Delaware st.

Three hundred new members will be enrolled in the "Mark Gray class" and will be addressed by Paul Schmitz, of Mooseheart, Ill., chairman of the international membership enrollment committee.

Mr. Gray, a member of lodge 17 since 1914 and secretary since 1935, is junior supreme governor of the international order. He will be elevated to supreme governor, highest office in the fraternity, next summer.

MAYOR TO ADDRESS EX-SERVICE MEN

Mayor Tyndall will speak at a meeting of the Lukas-Harold Ex-Service Men's association at 8:30 p. m. tomorrow in the gold room of the Washington hotel.

Harry Featheringill, commander of the organization, will preside.

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Big and Little



These llamas, featured in large and small sizes, are inhabitants of the San Francisco zoo.

AFRICA SETUP STILL PLAGUES

Pro-Vichy Elements Rule While Allies' Friends Remain in Jail.

By CARROLL BINDER
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CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Dispatches from North Africa, London and Washington since the Roosevelt-Churchill conference reveal that the political situation in French Africa still is far from satisfactory.

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