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\$150,000 FIRE MONDAY MORNING

Caught In Williams Furniture Store

SPREADS TO HICKS, McBRAYER AND KLINE'S

Was Discovered About 4:00

O'clock—Firemen Responded With Heroic Work—Estimated Losses With Insurance.

Following the sounding of the fire alarm at about four o'clock Monday morning Louisa suffered a fire loss safely estimated at one hundred and fifty thousands of dollars, but fairly well covered with insurance. The fire was discovered in the rear end of the third story of Mr. J. S. Williams furniture store and spread rapidly over the building, the plate-glass front of the store bursting out as the crowds gathered to fight the flames, but luckily did no damage to person, although Mr. Williams had just left the door, which he attempted to unlock when he heard the glass crack. He succeeded in getting far enough from the front to escape the falling glass.

From the windows in the rear the flames quickly spread to the building formerly occupied by the McBrayer Clothing Co., owned by Mr. F. N. Egerton, and in which the stock which was in the hands of a receiver, still remained. From here it spread to the roof of L. Kline & Co., the building also being owned by Mr. F. N. Egerton. In the meantime the flames spread through the roof of L. P. Hicks big corner store and for a while it looked as if the entire block was doomed, but owing to the heroic work of the firemen and many outsiders who rendered valuable assistance the flames were gotten under control before they left the top stories of the Hicks and Egerton buildings. However the entire building of Mrs. W. P. Neal and stock of furniture of Mr. J. S. Williams were a total loss. A good portion of the loss to stocks in the other establishments were caused from water and removing the stocks.

Too much praise cannot be given the firemen and the citizens who joined them in their heroic work in fighting the flames, as it is due to their untiring and undaunted efforts that the entire block and possibly the larger portion of Louisa's business districts are not at this time smouldering in ashes.

The estimated losses as best we could get them at the time of this writing were as follows:

J. S. Williams, stock of furniture estimated value \$26,000.00 total loss, insurance \$17,000.00.

L. P. Hicks, damage to stock and to building by fire and water (damage to stock being mostly a water damage) estimated \$40,000; insurance \$26,000.00.

L. Kline & Co., damage by water in main store and by fire in annex, estimated \$50,000; insurance \$35,000. The McBrayer Clothing Co., damage by fire and water estimated \$15,000.00; insurance \$15,000.00.

Mrs. W. P. Neal, building in which Williams furniture stock was located, a total loss, estimated \$10,000.00; insurance \$3,000.00.

F. N. Egerton, damage, by fire and water to buildings occupied by The McBrayer Clothing Co., and L. Kline & Co., estimated \$9,000.00; insurance \$6,500.00.

M. C. Pleasants, water damage only, estimated \$1,000; no insurance.

F. R. Pleasants, damage caused by removing goods, estimated \$1,000; insurance \$1,800.

W. B. Cooke, damage from removing stock, estimated \$750; insurance \$2,000.

G. W. Ford, damage to building occupied by F. R. Pleasants and W. B. Cooke, estimated \$500; no insurance.

J. C. Tucker, damages from moving household and kitchen furniture, estimated \$300, insurance \$1,000.00. Home Telephone and Telegraph Company, damage to cables and lines, estimated \$300; no information as to insurance.

At the time of this publication Messrs. W. B. Cooke and F. R. Pleasants have moved their goods back into their stores to await adjustments and Mr. L. P. Hicks is storing that portion of his stock that was removed to the storeroom adjoining Mr. O. Y. Yarboro's stables, where he will open again immediately to accommodate and take care of his customers.

MASS MEETING.

Realizing that the matter of valuation of lands is the most important subject before the people today and it appearing that the Legislature has left the adjustment of these values to the County Commissioners we deem it advisable to call a Mass Meeting in the Court House at Louisa on Saturday, March 26th, 12 o'clock, at which time everybody who is interested in this subject attend the Mass Meeting, express your views and let the Commissioners know what you want.

C. P. HARRIS, Chairman.
S. A. NEWELL, Secretary,
Citizens Committee.

THANKS.

Editor of the Times:—I want to thank through your paper the Fire Company and the assistants both white and colored for the valuable and heroic work they did the other night in saving the town. I think it was one of the best pieces of work I ever saw done. Especially as they were handicapped by lack of water pressure and equipment. Had it not been for the splendid work I think most of the town would have been entirely burned. I feel grateful to the colored people who rendered such valuable assistance, and I have often said that we had the best colored people in Louisa or of any other town in the State. I would mention a good many by name but am afraid that I would leave out some who did such heroic work and they might feel bad. I have always felt special interest in the colored people of Louisa and they have shown in this instance that they certainly deserve it and I want to assure all the workers, both white and colored, that they certainly have our heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,
F. N. EGERTON.

CAPTURES STILL.

Prohibition Agent B. H. Meadows and Constable J. E. Thomas destroyed a still and a lot of beer seven miles south of Louisa on Crooked Creek Saturday evening.

10 O'CLOCK SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH SUNDAY.

Instead of regular morning service at St. Paul's Sunday next the congregation are requested to attend at 10 o'clock when Morning Prayer and Sunday School and Bible Class will constitute the services and at 11 the congregation will attend the Union service at the Methodist Church. There will be early Communion at 7:30 A. M. Sunday morning.

N. COLLIN HUGHES, Rector.

MUSICAL CONCERT.

We are requested to state that there will be a musical concert given by home talent at Wood school house on Saturday night, March 26th. A small admission will be charged to be used for the school. Everybody is invited to attend and enjoy an evening of pleasure, as the program promises to be of rare interest.

PLAY AT JUSTICE.

A play, Title, A Noble Outcast, given at Justice High School at 8:00 o'clock on Friday night, March 25th. Admission 25 and 15 cents. Given for benefit of school. Public cordially invited.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR YOUNGSVILLE CITIZEN

Youngsville, March 14.—Funeral services for B. H. Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Mitchell, whose death occurred Friday at Youngsville was held from Oak Grove Baptist church Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. L. Dowell, of Franklin. Mrs. Richard Pearce, a twin sister, died a year ago. He is the last of a family of eleven children. He is survived by two children, a son, W. J. Mitchell, of Camden, N. J., and a daughter, Mrs. C. E. Mitchell, of Youngsville.

CLAIMS WORLD'S RECORD FOR AIR TAIL SPINNING

Lakeland, Fla., March 13.—Flying above Lakeland this afternoon, George W. Haldeman, formerly lieutenant in the army air service, claims he broke the world's tail spin record in an airplane. Haldeman dropped from an altitude of 8,600 feet to 800 feet in one minute, fifteen seconds, the descent taking 28 revolutions. Haldeman carried a passenger, W. F. Hallam, of Chicago, but there was no official observer. He announced tonight that he will attempt next Sunday to better his today's record and it is possible the attempt will be officially timed.

IN MEMORY OF MR. S. C. CATLETT

The death angel visited the home of Mrs. S. C. Catlett and took from her dear beloved husband back to join the happy band. There was a vacant chair and God called his love one home to rest. Mr. Catlett having lived on earth 84 years. He died Feb. 27, 1921. His remains were taken to Prospect burying ground, the burial service was conducted by Rev. G. F. Smith. He leaves a wife and eight children and two sisters. His children are Mrs. W. F. Beasley, Mrs. P. M. Bennett, Mrs. W. D. Weathers, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. S. G. W. and W. H. Catlett, his sisters, Mrs. Susan Ball, Mrs. Lewis Brown. There was a large crowd attended the burying service and lots of beautiful flowers that shows he was loved by all who knew him. He will be missed in many places. His chair will be vacant by the fireside, also at church and many other places. He was an old soldier. He fought in the civil war and was wounded, he bore everything patiently. He was confined to bed only a short while before his death. May God bind up the broken hearts of his loved ones. We know it is hard to give up our loved ones. But God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believed on him should not perish but have an everlasting life, and he said in my fathers house are many mansions if it were not so I would have told you, and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you to myself. So let us try to live a life that when our work here is ended that we may be prepared to meet our loved ones in a better world, where there shall be no more sorrow, pain or death but all peace and love.

Written by a friend, M. V. W.

HUBERT MARTIN DEAD.

The following tribute to one of Franklin County's sons was contributed by Mr. J. J. Barrow, Clerk of the Superior Court:

In the death of Charles Hubert Martin, private Secretary to Senator Lee S. Overman, at Washington, D. C., a few days ago, North Carolina has suffered a great loss, which will be felt by all who knew Hubert Martin. His office was the centre of attraction for all North Carolina visitors. Genial, affable and courteous, he always welcomed his friends with that genuine pleasure, so peculiar to a southern gentleman. He seemed to know what you wanted, with but little explanation, and was never too busy, but that he would spare no time or expense in assisting you in every way possible.

North Carolina and especially the people of Franklin County will miss Hubert Martin. It is indeed very sad, that a fine character, as he was, should be stricken down in his young manhood with the prospects of a life of so much influence and usefulness before him. It will be difficult to fill his place.

Those who marry for love are just as likely to bump into disappointment as those who marry for money.

PALMER'S RULING ON BEER STANDS

Little Prospect Of Its Being Overthrown, Solicitor General Frieron Says.

Washington, March 12.—The recent ruling of former Attorney General Palmer permitting the practically unlimited manufacture of beer, wines and whiskey for medicinal purposes will stand, Solicitor General Frieron said today, despite a number of protests, unless the Treasury Department should ask for its reconsideration. Such a request is not under contemplation, it was said later at the Treasury.

Opinions are issued by the Department of Justice only to the President and members of the cabinet, Mr. Frieron explained, and are not matters in which private individuals may participate. A review would only be made, he added, on motion of the department originally making the request and a change made where an error of law was found.

Regulations to provide for the use of beer medically will be issued as soon as they can be prepared, prohibition officials declared, although they had been delayed in earlier preparation on the possibility of the option being reconsidered.

Under this most recent interpretation of the prohibition law, officials would be able to obtain it by the case as it would probably be ordered as a tonic and it would appear unreasonable to require a person to procure only one or two bottles at a time.

Study of the ruling, officials said, has disclosed that the whole theory of prohibition enforcement on which the internal revenue bureau has been proceeding has been "overthrown." The prohibition unit, officials explained, has worked on the theory that it possessed regulatory powers under the act which permit it to limit the use and distribution of intoxicants excepted by Congress from the general ban.

By the most recent view of the law, however, officials maintained it would seem that this theory is now denied.

Existing regulations will have to be considerably amended, officials said, and the bureau are affected more or less directly by the opinion.

FORMER KAISER IN AUTHORITY ROLE

Blames England For War and Pictures Himself In Volume As Friend To Peace.

The Hague, March 13.—In the book he has written for private distribution in an attempt to show that Great Britain was responsible for the world war, former Emperor William of Germany throughout always speaks of himself in the third person. He paints William II as a man who tried for 30 years to maintain peace in Europe, but says he was foiled by the perfidious machinations of Great Britain, France and Russia.

As long ago as 1905, the former Kaiser says he tried to found a League of Nations.

Although no full copy of the book is yet available and both the former Emperor's entourage and the Dutch and German governments worried because of the publication of brief extracts from it, sufficient of the contents of the volume have leaked out to indicate the general trend of the entire work. The leak was principal due to the Berlin correspondent of the Rotterdam Maasbode.

The correspondent says the book begins with notes as far back as 1884 (William succeeded his father as King and Emperor in 1888.)

"In some places," says the Maasbode's correspondent, "the document is very interesting, especially notes of August 18, 1891, where he treats of the visit of William to Czar Alexander III at Narvik, when the Czar said he hated the French republic and wanted to restore a monarchy in France. But already, says the Kaiser a Russian-French military agreement had been negotiated saying that in the event of the mobilization of any member of the Triple Alliance (Dreibund) a mobilization of French and Russian forces would be ordered immediately and these armies thrown into action at once."

Under date of April 18, 1898, the former Emperor wrote:

"An English proposal for an alliance of Germany against Russia is declined in order not to endanger the world's peace."

"At the same time Delcasse (then French Minister of Foreign Affairs) proposed to the German Ambassador in Paris a German-French agreement in order to prevent the Portuguese colonies falling under British influence. This proposal was not answered."

Of Course

Why is the hour glass made small in the middle? To show the waste of time.—Cartoons Magazine.

A lot of merchants are stopping their advertising because business is bad. They should also stop their life insurance because their health is bad.—Baudette (Minn.) Region.

MR. J. A. WHITE DEAD.

Former Louisa Boy and Prominent in Railroad Circles—Son of the Late Capt. Thomas White.

The large number of friends of the family in Louisa were sorely grieved on Wednesday morning when the news came announcing the death of Mr. J. A. White which occurred at his home in Washington, D. C., at 10:30 o'clock that morning from pneumonia. Mr. White was a son of the late Capt. Thomas and Mary Shaw White, of this city and had many boyhood friends in Louisa and Franklin County, to whom the announcement of his death will bring great sorrow.

Mr. White, after learning the railroad business under his father, who was so long the Agent here left Louisa something over thirty years ago since which time he has steadily advanced in his chosen vocation until at his death he had attained one of the highest and most responsible positions in the gift of the South's greatest Railway, a member of the Staff of President Fairfax Harrison of the Southern Railway. It was due to his thorough knowledge of railroading and expert ability at financing that he took over the management of the Augusta Southern Railway at Augusta, Ga., and put it on a profitable basis after a history of expense and loss. During the war his ability was recognized by the Railroad Administration in the fact that he was placed in charge of all the traffic of trains in Spartanburg, S. C. As further recognition of his ability several months ago he received the promotion to the position he held at the time of his death.

Mr. White was in his 57th year and leaves a wife, three sons, Mr. William White, of New York City, Mr. James W. White and Mr. Kenneth Murchison White, of Washington City, and one daughter, Miss Katherine White, of Washington City. Three brothers, Mr. R. S. White and Mr. H. D. White, of Raleigh, and Mr. P. R. White, of Louisa, and one sister, Mrs. W. H. Ruffin, of Louisa.

The remains arrived in Louisa last night from Washington City and were taken to the old home on Kenmore Avenue, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ruffin, from which the funeral will be held this morning at 11 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. N. Collin Hughes, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church. The interment will be made at Oaklawn Cemetery following the funeral services.

The bereaved family and friends have the sympathy of the entire community.

MANNING RULES ON NEW MARRIAGE LICENSE STATUTE

Many Inquiries From Physicians and Registers of Deeds.

With register of deeds in many counties, it is said, refusing to issue marriage licenses until they are reassured as to their responsibility under the new Bellamy marriage license act, and with a flood of inquiries coming in from physicians all over the State, Attorney-General Manning has issued a ruling on the subject.

Under the law passed by the general Assembly March 5 male applicants for marriage licenses must present a physician's certificate to the effect that he has no venereal disease, no tuberculosis in its infectious stages and has not been adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction an idiot, imbecile or of unsound mind. Objection is made by physicians on the ground that it is not always possible to determine venereal disease and even tuberculosis in certain stages without a prolonged observation of the subject and insist that it is impossible for a physician without exhaustive research of records in many cases not available to determine whether or not a man or woman has been adjudged non competent by a court of competent jurisdiction.

All that the law requires of the physician is that he should satisfy his judgment in each particular case, Judge Manning says, with the individual features incident to it, by the ordinary means accessible to him. He commits no crime, the attorney-general holds, unless he wilfully and knowingly makes a false statement or makes such a false statement recklessly without belief or any fair and best grounds to believe in its truth. A conscientious physician applying these general rules, the attorney-general says, will have little difficulty in dealing with particular cases.

E. M. MERRITT DEAD.

Mr. Edward M. Merritt, one of Franklin's esteemed citizens died at his home near Ingleside on Tuesday in his 67th year. He leaves besides his family a large host of friends and relatives who have the sympathy of the entire community. The funeral services were held from the home and the interment made in the old Merritt family burying grounds. Large numbers of friends attended the services and the floral tribute was beautiful.

E. F. McCULLOCH IS MORRISON'S CHOICE STATE PRISON HEAD

GEORGE R. POU WILL SUCCEED McCULLOCH

Proposed Successor To J. R. Collier Has Been Chief Clerk For Four Years; Collier, Governor Intimates Will Be Given Another Appointment Within Administration.

E. F. McCulloch, of Bladen county, for four years chief clerk of the State Prison, is Governor Cameron Morrison's choice as superintendent of the Prison to succeed J. R. Collier, Governor Bickett's appointee. The recommendation of the Governor will go before the State Prison Board at its meeting today along with the recommendation for the appointment of George R. Pou, of Smithfield, as successor to Mr. McCulloch.

Governor Morrison yesterday professed to considerable difficulty in making the selection for the head of the State's Prison. He expressed great friendship for the present superintendent and great respect for his ability and declared yesterday afternoon when he made his recommendation public that he had in mind the appointment of Mr. Collier to a place in the administration for which he is well suited.

Mr. McCulloch was chief clerk of the State Prison during the administration of Governor Bickett and received many endorsements for the higher office. Mr. Pou, his successor as chief clerk is the son of Congressman E. W. Pou, and is chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Johnston county.

The new state prison board will meet for the first time today, when the recommendations of the Governor according to custom will be confirmed. The new board contains only one of the former members, this being W. M. Sanders, of Smithfield. The chairman is James A. Leake, of Anson county, succeeding H. B. Varner, of Lexington. The other members are E. B. Ficklen, of Pitt; A. L. Bullock, of Robeson; and Richard M. Chatham, of Surry. News Observer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 7th, with all members present. After approving the minutes of the last meeting business was disposed of as follows:

The High School Committee of Bunn petitioned the Board to approve a \$7,500.00 bond issue election. The petition was approved and the County Commissioners were asked to call an election to be held on April 11th. J. H. Weathers was recommended as registrar, B. M. C. Mullen and J. R. Wright were recommended for poll holders.

The following motion was made and carried: That the Chairman of this Board is hereby authorized to advertise for sale the \$6,000 in bonds of Cedar Rock Academy School, District No. 3, and A. W. Perry and E. L. Best are hereby appointed a committee, with the assistance and approval of the Boards Attorney, E. H. Malone, to pass upon said bids and to sell said bonds provided a satisfactory bid can be obtained by said committee.

The following motion was made and carried: That the Board will pay from the County building fund one-half the cost of any school building in the County provided that the amount thus given by the County does not exceed \$10,000.00 for any one school building. This regulation will be carried out just as long as the building fund will permit. The budget for the building fund is made the first Monday in May, therefore any district that has decided to build should ask the Board prior to the first Monday in May to provide in the budget the amount the said district expects from the county.

A petition was brought before the Board asking for a school to be located near Burnett's Store, this new school to include parts of Laurel, Sandy Creek and Hickory Rock districts. This matter was deferred until the first Monday in April.

The Board agreed to provide in its building fund \$7,500.00 for the Bunn High School District provided that the said District raises \$7,500.00 by voting in favor of the Bond issue April 11th.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to meet again the first Monday in April.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the stockholders of the Louisa Farm Loan Association has been called to be held in Louisa on Saturday morning, March 26th, 1921, at 11 o'clock at the Court House. All stockholders are urged to be present as business of importance is to come before the association.

J. C. JONES, President.
F. B. McKINNE, Sec.-Treas.