

## LOCATE BODIES OF DROWNED

Experiment of Setting Hat Adrift Proved Successful After Disaster on the Rio Grande.

As a means of locating the bodies of four United States soldiers who were accidentally drowned in the Rio Grande recently an unusual experiment was tried and proved successful.

A hat was thrown into the water at the point where the men had last been seen and was followed downstream until, after traveling about five miles from the scene of the accident, it came to an eddy where it moved about slowly for some time. This gave the searchers what they thought might be a clue and, following a practice frequently used in searching for bodies, a charge of dynamite was exploded at the point where the progress of the hat had ceased. Immediately the bodies came to the surface.

The explanation of the experiment is that the Rio Grande in this region is tortuous and has many eddies. The searchers rightly assumed that the bodies would be carried down stream until they came to an eddy, which in this instance was indicated by the retarded progress of the hat.

## PERHAPS



Cholly—She never used to turn away and turn up her nose when she passed me.

Georgie—Maybe something you've done has put her nose out of joint.

## MODERNLY DEFINED.

"Father," said the small boy, "what's an explorer?"

"An explorer, my son, is a man who discovers some place that nobody wants to go to and that he wouldn't be able to find anyhow."

## A COMMON SORROW.

Nell—Here's the paper says the military authorities of the fighting nations say they must have more men.

Belle—Now they know how we girls at the summer hotels feel.

## NEVER TOUCHED HIM.

Jaggsby (in police court)—Good morning, judge. How is your honor this morning?

Judge—My honor's all right—and so will yours be for the next thirty days.

## PATRONIZING.

"Flubdub has such a patronizing manner."

"Yes, he can't pass a globe representing the world without patting it."

## NOT RICH ENOUGH.

Randall—Is Delaney a vulgar person?

Rogers—No, he's too poor. Only a rich person can be vulgar successfully.—Life.

## DURING BUSINESS HOURS ONLY.

Kind Gentleman—How long have you been blind?

Beggar—Since I started out this morning.

## OF COURSE.

"My friend, the glazier, has a sad life."

"Why shouldn't it be? Isn't it full of panes?"

## THOUGHTFUL WOMAN.

Mrs. Justwed (sobbing)—I would go home to my mother tomorrow, only that it might discourage my sister Jane's beau!

## MUST BE.

"They must be rich."

"Why?"

"Both she and her husband dress so well."

## LOCAL NEWS

of interest to  
ALL OF OUR READERS.

The members of the Mt. Ulla Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., held their annual picnic Saturday. Zeb V. Long of Statesville, was present and made an address. A large crowd was present.

Brice Beard, M. F. Hatcher, R. L. Thomason, Chas. Denny, Trent and James Ragland left Sunday for Fort Oglethorpe to take the training for army officers. Chas. Shaver left several days ago for the same place.

Lieut. Malcolm Rump's grandson of the late Rev. Jethro Rumble of Salisbury, having volunteered for service in the army expects to leave soon for France to report for duty.

Jesse McCall and Jones Wall, negroes of Norwood got into a shooting scrape Sunday night, August 19th, and as a result McCall is dead and Wall is in the State jail charged with the crime. It is thought that they were gambling.

Chief of Police Miller has been doing some good work in the way of catching automobilists and motorcyclists who persist in violating the laws governing their conduct on the streets of the city. The speed limit is generally ignored and many go without lights, hence the arrests. A number have been fined. The Watchman thinks this a good idea but does not believe in spasmodic effort. The law should be enforced every day in the year.

Rev. S. T. Smathers, who conducted services at South Maine Street M. E. church last week, has volunteered for service in the army and expects to be made an army chaplain.

Last Monday afternoon a mule trotted along in front of a freight train, near Jackson's crossing, and refusing to get off the track the engineer stopped his train and drove him off.

Wallace Scales of Salisbury a graduate of West Point who has been in the cavalry of the U. S. Army, has been promoted to lieutenant-colonel.

Dr. Thomas W. Lingle of the faculty of Davidson College, who was in Salisbury last week, announced that he would go to France at an early date to do Y. M. C. A. work among the soldiers there.

W. F. Cooper, son of J. F. Cooper of China Grove, who has been making his home in Salisbury, has moved his household effects to Toccoa, Ga., where he has a position with the Southern Railway.

Robt. McLan a 13-year-old boy of Mooresville, while driving an automobile Saturday, struck and knocked down a man by the name of Charlie Trexler, who was crossing the street near the old court house. Mr. Trexler was not seriously injured. He had a warrant issued for the boy, charging him with reckless driving.

The marriage of Miss Carrie V. Agner daughter of F. L. Agner, and Joseph W. Brady, son of William Brady took place at the parsonage of Union E. L. Church Sunday afternoon, August 19th, Rev. C. R. Pless officiating.

## PROCLAMATION BY GOVERNOR BRACKETT.

He suggests that Monday, September 3rd, Appropriate Patriotic Exercises be held.

North Carolina is about to send twenty-five thousand men into battle. These men are making the supreme sacrifice that forever hereafter the wisdom of the many shall determine the decrees of nations. They go to make war on war. They go to destroy with the sword the government that maintains that the sword is, and of right ought to be, the final arbiter of a nation's rights.

When the government that leaves war shall perish in war then war will come no more upon the earth.

It is fit that these guarantors of the world's peace should be sustained by the love and prayers of all good men.

Now, Therefore, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, do request the people of the state:

First, to assemble on Saturday, the first day of September, in township and school district meetings, and hold patriotic exercises in honor of the men we are sending to the front;

Second, on Sunday, September 2nd, let special religious services be held in all the churches in the State, and let all good men pray for the safety and success of the men who are going into battle that lasting peace may come upon the land;

Third, That on Labor Day, September 3rd, appropriate patriotic exercises be held in every county seat in the State and let the men who have been drafted into the public service be the guests of honor at these exercises.

Done at our city of Raleigh this the twenty-fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the one hundred and forty-second year of our American Independence.

T. W. BICKETT,  
Governor.

(Great Seal of the State of North Carolina.)

By the Governor:  
Stanford Martin,  
private secretary.

In response to the above it is proposed that a grand rally be held in Salisbury Monday and fitting exercises will be held to cheer the boys who will soon leave for the front. Rowan's quartet from all sections of the county will soon be brought together and will be called to training camps soon. So let everybody come forward and lend their bit to encourage the boys and let them know they have your best wishes for their welfare personally and success generally.

The children and some of the teachers of St. John's Lutheran church held their annual picnic at South River last Wednesday. There were several hundred and all enjoyed the day very much. The Junior Band was present and furnished music.

The Spencer public school will open September the 10th with Prof. J. E. Redfern in charge as superintendent.

The negro who entered a home on South Jackson Street one night last week and frightened a young lady has not yet been captured.

## Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina to Meet at Mt. Pleasant August 30th to Sept. 2.

The program of the thirty-second annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina to be held at Mt. Pleasant, N. C., August 30th to September 2nd., is as follows:

## Thursday Afternoon, 2 O'clock.

Formal Opening of Convention, Organization, Enrollment of Officers and Delegates, Appointment of Committees and Reporters, President's Report.

## Thursday Evening, 7:30 O'clock.

Vesper Service, Rev. R. A. Goodman  
Reports of Secretaries and Treasurers, Executive Committee and Historian

## Friday Morning, 9 O'clock.

Devotional Service, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps  
Methods, Mrs. E. C. Cronk  
Young People's Business Session and Committee Work

## Friday Afternoon, 2 O'clock.

Devotional, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps  
Report of Committees  
Foreign Missions, Dr. C. L. Brown

## Friday Evening, 7:30 O'clock.

Vesper Service, Dr. C. L. Brown  
Children's Program  
Address, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher

## Saturday Morning, 9 O'clock.

Devotional, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps  
Continuation of Reports  
Address, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps

## Saturday Afternoon, 1:30 O'clock.

Devotional, Misses Maud and Annie Powlas  
Methods, Mrs. E. C. Cronk  
Unfinished Business

## Saturday Evening, 7:30 O'clock.

Vesper Service, Rev. J. H. C. Fisher  
Address, Mrs. E. C. Cronk  
Memorial Service, Mrs. J. H. Dreher

## Sunday Morning, 11 O'clock.

Hymn, Morning Service  
Sermon, Rev. F. B. Clausen  
Anthem, Offering, Hymn, Benediction.

## Sunday Evening, 7:30 O'clock.

Anthem, Choir  
Devotional Service, Rev. R. A. Goodman  
Selection, Mr. Earle Bodie  
Address, Solo  
Reading, Miss Dara Walter  
Address, Mr. Oscar Blackwelder  
Formal Closing of Convention

## Night Watchman Murdered. It Seems That Cain Killed Abel.

When C. C. Beaver, the car barn foreman for the N. C. Public Service Co., went on duty a little before six o'clock Saturday morning, he discovered that a safe in the office at the barns, midway between Salisbury and Spencer, had been broken open with a hammer which was lying near. He then made a search for the night watchman, Abel Harris, a negro, who was supposed to be the regular watchman. Mr. Beaver soon found Harris in a small inclosed car standing in front of the barn. He saw at once that his head was bloody and the man was dead. He notified Sheriff Krider who with Chief of Police J. Frank Miller and other officers with blood hounds were soon on the scene. The dogs were unable to get a clue that lead any distance from the barn, which has since been accounted for owing to the fact that the supposed murderer, Baxter Cain, the regular watchman, rode a mule and thus put the hounds off the track.

Upon examining the dead man it was found that his head and face was badly beaten and hacked with an iron tool used to turn the rail of the switches in front of the barn. Harris was a well built and strong man and evidently put up a fight for his life, but was probably asleep when first attacked. He was about 30 years old and leaves a wife and three children. He was a native of Greensboro, where his wife was visiting and where his remains were shipped after the coroner's jury had held a brief inquest Saturday afternoon.

The coroner's jury summoned held an inquest, but owing to the lack of evidence it adjourned to meet Friday when all the evidence secured by officers will be considered and such witnesses as may be had will be examined, including Baxter Cain.

It was learned that Cain had an artificial leg in the express office on which \$50 was due and it was to be returned Saturday unless he paid the balance. This he did, making payment in one dollar, fifty and twenty-five cents pieces, among which was a torn one dollar bill, which Henry Harris, a conductor on the car line, said looked like one he had taken in and had turned in Friday night. After searching Cain's house the second time the officers found \$27.20 tied in a cloth and hidden in the hay of Cain's barn. Then they followed his mule tracks to a branch in the rear of the premises and there found the conductors' receipts, transfers and records tied in a cloth taken off a car and hid in a hole beside the branch. It is also stated that Cain wanted to be at home with his wife whom he said was sick, but he failed

## Home Guard Elects Officers.

There was a meeting of those interested in the organization of a home guard for Salisbury in the old court house last Friday night and after some talk and a roll call that showed one hundred members present the election of officers was gone into and resulted as follows:

Captain, Frank Brown.  
1st Lieutenant, W. J. Lang.  
2nd Lieutenant, Dr. Byron Clark.  
First Sergeant, J. W. Webb.  
Second Sergeant, P. H. Meroney.  
First Corporal, M. L. Gantt.  
Second Corporal, J. D. Carroll.

Color Bearer, B. D. Cauble.  
It is proposed to tender the service of the home guard to Gov. Bickett and upon its acceptance, the men will begin drilling in preparation for service, should they they be needed.

## Home Coming at Third Creek Church.

The home-coming at Third Creek Presbyterian church was one of the big events of the year. A very large crowd was present from all parts of the State and some from distant states. An interesting program was taken up at 10 o'clock and lasted till late in the afternoon. The crowd was welcomed by the pastor, Rev. A. E. Wallace, and responses were made by a number of the visitors. This church was established in 1792 and is therefore 125 years old with much history surrounding it. Besides the addresses and music there was a big dinner, all of which went to make a very interesting and enjoyable day for those present.

## Training Camp Ready For Work.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 27.—With men from North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, the 2nd officers' training camp for officers and commissions in the new army is ready to begin at Fort Oglethorpe. It is expected that there will be 5,500 men in the camp and that actual work will begin by Wednesday, the first two days being taken up in grading and assigning the men.

to spend the night at home arriving at the usual morning hour, with this evidence in hand the officers arrested Cain Saturday afternoon. He claimed to know nothing of the affair and asserts he is innocent. He was locked up to await the coroner's verdict. Another Negro was arrested but later released.



An infant of J. H. Kesler of 114 Crawford Street, died Monday night, August 20th. The funeral was held the day after death and the interment was in Chestnut Hill.

Mrs. C. A. Lentz, widow of Caleb Lentz, died at her home at Franklin last Wednesday morning. The funeral was held Thursday from Lebanon Lutheran church. Mrs. Lentz was nearly 68 years old and a well known woman.

Miss Margaret C. Shelton of Cleveland, for many years a resident of Salisbury, died last Wednesday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. S. Brown in Cleveland. She was nearly 80 years old and her death followed within a few hours of an attack of apoplexy. The funeral service was conducted Thursday afternoon by Dr. Bryon Clark of the First Presbyterian church in Salisbury. Her remains were taken to Louise County, Virginia, for interment. She was an aunt of Miss M. L. Carter and C. K. Brown of Cleveland.

## The Concord Times has a Fire.

Monday's Concord Times thus tells of a fire that did much damage in its office Sunday morning:

"Early yesterday morning The Tribune and Times office was visited by the first fire in the experience of the publisher. Our press room and its contents were practically destroyed. This included a No. 7 Babcock Express and Omaha folder, both comparatively new, about twenty thousand pounds of newsprint paper, an Eclipse folding machine, a lot of type and other printing material. The loss of all this is almost total, as the machinery all passed through the fire and the paper that was not burned was ruined by water."

Mr. Sherrill went to work at once and soon had a press, folder and paper on hand and did not miss an issue owing to the assistance rendered by a real friend and neighbor, G. Edward Kestler of the Concord Observer. Of course the Times will be inconvenienced for a while but Bro. Sherrill will soon have things going as of old.

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