

**BRIEF, INTERESTING FACTS**

**Figures and Historical Mention Of Interest.**

Dearborn Independent.  
The Caspian Sea is 84 feet below sea level.

Due to the fall in the value of the mark, cash registers are now useless in Germany.

The Chicago Motor Club has a fleet of motorcycle riders who pick up broken glass on the streets when they receive a call.

Our national wild life resources, if capitalized on the basis of a six per cent annual income, are worth more than \$1,000,000,000.

During the last year \$500,000 was expended on construction of graveled roads in Alaska, most of the work being done on the Glacier National Highway.

A roof over the Chicago river 10 miles in length, carrying boulevards, parks, garages and oil-filling stations, has been proposed as the solution of Chicago's traffic problem. The roof would be 200 feet wide, of nine-inch concrete supported on concrete piling sunk into the river bed.

To eliminate the unintelligible calling of railroad stations by hoarse-voiced passenger train conductors, a device in Prague automatically displays electric-illuminated signs in cars just before arrival at each station.

There are 42 persons drawing pensions for the War of 1812. All these pensioners are women. Hiram Cronk, of Ava, N. Y., was the last soldier actually on the rolls of that war. He died in 1905.

R. K. Atkinson, of the Russell Sage Foundation, says, "We are rapidly becoming a nation of bleacherites, because we have too much temptation and too much encouragement to be passive participants in recreation—to listen and watch and not perform. And all the while, we are piling up emotional stimulus and repressing it."

The heavy gypsy earrings of the latest fashion in London are stretching the ears of women who wear them into triangular shapes and permanently disfigure them. Some of the earrings weigh four ounces. Paris women are wearing earrings attached to their hats or evening head-dresses.

A miniature engine, whose power was generated by the rays of the sun, was successfully demonstrated in an eastern college recently. A parabolic copper mirror focused the rays upon a test tube of water, the heat caused the steam which in turn operated the tiny motor at a high rate of speed.

Certain students at the Johns Hopkins medical school are paying their tuition with blood money, literally speaking. They sell their blood for transfusion purposes at \$50 a transfusion. The subject must be perfectly healthy and his blood must measure up to a certain standard before he is eligible for bleeding.

Italy plans to develop 75 per cent of her available water power within a year. All sources of water power are to be linked up so that when water is scarce in the north in winter the power can be conveyed from central Italy and in the summer when the water is scarce in the central part of Italy the power can be obtained from the Alpine streams of the north.

Badgers live in chalk cliffs of the British Isles and destroy much game while foraging at night. Badger hunting or digging, is a novel sport for it entails following the badger into its deep lair in the ground. Extensive galleries with many ramifications are revealed in the chalk cliffs where for thousands of years the animals have been burrowing and excavating the soil.

Tractors are replacing the dog sledges trains in the spring rush to the Yukon this year. The first tractor train, consisting of a ten-ton hauler with three trailers, was made up at White Horse recently for the 300-mile trip to Mayo. Tractors are also being pressed into service to carry ore from the Keno Hill silver mines to Mayo landing.

The treasures of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts are guarded each night by two giant police dogs who are trained to refuse to accompany anyone but the watchman who has charge of them. At intervals each night they are led through the darkened galleries. All employees have been cautioned against remaining in the building after hours because of the danger of attack by the powerful canines.

Because he had no money a young Canadian from Alberta, 18 years old was turned back at American side of the international bridge in Niagara Falls, N. Y. He then climbed to the network of steel girders beneath the bridge and walked across the Niagara river, 150 feet above the water on an iron beam 12 inches wide. Thousands of tourists viewed the rash act and customs officers again escorted him back to Canada.

**DEATH OF MR. BROOKS.**

After an illness of nine days, Lonnie Brooks, a well known citizen of the county, died at his home in Siler City at 9 o'clock Thursday night. Mr. Brooks, who was in the seventy-second year, was unable to withstand the severe attack of pneumonia from which he suffered.

The funeral services were conducted at Mt. Vernon Methodist church Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives by Rev. O. L. Hinson, special music being furnished by a male quartette of Siler City. Surviving are his wife and five sons, Lucian, Arnold, Thomas, George and L. B. Brooks.

**LOOK AT YOUR LABEL**

**NORTH CAROLINA EVENTS.**

**News in Concise Form For The Busy Reader.**

University trustees have voted \$100,000 for a woman's building.

Half crop of peaches in the sandhills is about all that is expected.

Granville county will issue \$100,000 school bonds.

The Wall lumber plant at Southmont, was destroyed by fire Thursday. Loss \$150,000.

J. R. Cummings, of Winston-Salem, has not missed but three Sundays in 25 years in attending Sunday school.

Seven alleged bootleggers were caught in a drag net in Durham Thursday. Most of them were old offenders.

Raleigh—A New York architect has been ordered to design buildings expected to cost approximately \$1,600,000 for North Carolina.

Eight vacant business lots sold in Raleigh for \$99,944 last week. The highest price paid for a single lot was \$551 for a front foot.

Oxford—The date of the convening of the annual convention of the Diocese of North Carolina has been changed from May 15 to May 8.

A gang of four alleged counterfeiters were arrested in Durham last week and lodged in jail. They were making \$50 U. S. Treasury notes.

Thirteen-year-old Edna Eatman is in Wilson county jail charged with burning her father's house. She is married and her husband is only 17.

Mrs. A. G. Holmes, of Council, frustrated robbers who were attempting to break in the Bank of Council, Bladen county, by flashing a light on them.

A 23-year-old son killed John E. Smith, 75, a wealthy Wayne county citizen, last week, by knocking him in the head with an axe. The son was arrested.

Income tax collections announced from the office of Revenue Commissioner Doughton, show that the State has passed the three million mark and is still going strong.

Goldsboro—The Seminole Phosphate company, million dollar fertilizer concern of this city, for the second time has been thrown into the hands of a receiver.

Clarence P. Gaston, formerly tax collector of Buncombe county, who embezzled \$49,000 of county funds and was sentenced to four years imprisonment, has been paroled by Governor Morrison.

Two children, Clara Crabtree, who was killed, and Verona Creech, with a fractured skull, were picked up by the side of the road near Fuquay Springs Sunday. They had been thrown from a bicycle and dashed against a tree. The Crabtree girl may recover.

Granite Falls—Reports have been current for some months that the Southern Power company will soon begin the erection of a big dam at Rhodhiss. A hydro-electric plant will be installed, it is claimed, that will develop around 50,000 horsepower.

Wadesboro.—The cold weather which continued here made the farmers somewhat unsteady regarding the cotton planted several days ago. Much of the crop remains to be planted. In some sections cotton is already up.

Kinston—Jasper Smith, postmaster at Pink Hill and prominently connected in that section, is under bail of \$250 for his appearance in Superior court here on a charge of attempting to assault a young girl residing in the village.

B. H. Hedgecock, of High Point, banker, and H. D. Edmonds, merchant, of Winston-Salem, the former who embezzled \$80,000 and the latter for burning his store, were refused new trials by the Supreme Court. Each go to prison for three years.

Raleigh—Dr. E. C. Brooks, superintendent of public instruction, has available for one well qualified 1923 high school graduate a four-year scholarship, valued at \$250 annually to the Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Col., it was announced tonight.

Salisbury.—W. L. Ray, a local magistrate, has received a dollar from a man at Hot Springs, N. C., in payment of a debt made 40 years ago while Mr. Ray was conducting a store near Hot Springs. When Mr. Ray went out of business the man denied the debt, but now, at the age of 83, he says he could not stand the idea of dying without paying the debt, and so he sends the dollar.

The trouble with blind love is that it doesn't stay that way.—Washington Post.

**Presbytery Closes.**

Fayetteville, April 20.—After a 3-day's session the most largely attended meeting of the Fayetteville Presbytery ever held in the history of the Presbyterian organization adjourned here late yesterday afternoon. The closing session was largely occupied with the presentation and adoption of reports from the standing committees and the passage of resolutions of thanks for the entertainment of the presbytery.

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**A FIENDISH DEED.**

Burlington News, April 20.  
County and city officers were engaged in a man hunt about 11 o'clock this morning for an unknown negro, one of three in a party, who shot from ambush and slightly wounded in the legs, three child inmates of the Christian Orphanage at Elon College.

The wounded are:  
Claud Chambers, 9 years old.  
Monroe Thomas, 7 years old.  
Earl Strong, 6 years old.

The children were on the property of the institution, some 300 or 400 yards from the main buildings. They were picking wild flowers, growing intermixt with the mossy bed of the woods and along banks of a branch something any child delights in. Danger, lurking, hiding in the form of a beasty black in whose hands a single barrel shotgun was clutched, did not warn them. They were unafraid, unthoughtful of any ill turn against them.

At a spot where the wooded hillside clears away somewhat, the boys were near together when a shot rang out, and each felt the sting of the shot, in each instance between the ankle and knee. Frightened, they started to run home, but not before they had seen the sneaking would-be child assassins flee through the woods.

Neither of the children is seriously hurt. But blood came from many tiny holes where the shot had riddled the overall suits worn by the boys and penetrated the flesh. The distance from where the shot was fired to where the boys were was about 45 yards.

It happened about 9 o'clock, which gave the fiend a two-hour lead on the efforts of the law to find him. Had bloodhounds been available it is reasonably certain they could easily have struck the trail and gone to the lair of the culprit. Only one shot was fired.

Sheriff C. D. Story led the search, but nothing so far has developed to throw any light on just who the three negroes were.

Each of the little boys safe in the institution yards, declared they were through with the woods, even though they did like to stroll among the trees.

There was no motive for the deed. It was the work of a murderous brain directed against the lives of innocent children. Everyone expresses regret that no clue so far has been picked up.

**DEATH OF MRS. STOUT.**

Contributed.  
On April 10, 1923, the death angel visited the home of L. M. Stout and took from their home his wife.

Before her marriage she was Susan Anna Pace, born Oct. 22, 1855. She was, therefore, 67 years old. She has been suffering from asthma and heart trouble.

She seemed cheerful Monday and said she was feeling all right except that she was awfully weak, was up and down with her until midnight and

she said for us to go to bed for she was feeling very well. When we arose we found her dead in bed but she had not been dead but a short while.

At the time of her last period of sickness her husband was away with his son who was in the hospital where he was operated on a week before.

She leaves to mourn her husband, five children and three step-children,

who are Mrs. S. R. Gilmore, Siler City; Mrs. E. G. Perry, Siler City; Mrs. W. G. Campbell, Siler City, R-3; Mrs. G. G. Burke, Bear Creek, R-2, and Wade Stout, Siler City, R-3. The step-children are: A. M. Stout, Siler City, R-5; H. I. Stout, Goldston and W. C. Cox, Asheboro, and twenty living grandchildren.

She professed faith in Jesus Christ

in early life and lived a faithful life. She was a loving wife and kind mother and loved her neighbors. We know that God never makes a mistake. He doeth all things well.

Her body was laid to rest at Rives Chapel cemetery Wednesday at 11:30 o'clock. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Richard S. Fountain. Her grave was covered with lovely flowers.

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**PROPERTIES AS FOLLOWS**

At 10:30 a. m., on May 1st, we will sell the M. J. Boling Home Place, containing 250 acres, adjoining the town of Bonsal, subdivided into small tracts, splendid home fronting the National Highway, out-buildings and good timber proposition and the finest tobacco land to be found.

At 11:30 on May 1st, the Booker Place, three miles west of Bonsal, adjoining Mr. J. J. Womble, T. Y. Mims, on White Oak Creek, containing 225 acres, subdivided into small tracts, good timber proposition and farm.

At 12:30 25 choice business and resident lots in the town of Bonsal and five small farms adjoining the town. A free dinner will be furnished at this sale.

At 3:30 p. m. we will sell 4 business lots in the town of Apex, located on the corner of Elm and Chatham streets.

On May 2, at 10:30 a. m., 250 acres, known as the Albert Holt place, located 2 1-2 miles west of Bonsal, on the road leading to New Elam church, subdivided into small tracts.

On May 2, at 2:30, we will sell the Woody Farm, located on the Siler City and Snow Camp highway, 6 miles out from Siler City. This is good wheat and cotton land and has been subdivided into small tracts.

Mr. Wade Barber, for the purpose of making division of this estate, has consigned the above properties to us with instructions to sell each piece absolutely regardless of price and for 20 per cent cash and the balance on unusually easy terms.

**Sale rain or shine. Valuable prizes given away at these sales. Brass Band.**

**WADE BARBER, Trustee, Pittsboro**

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