

Two Watauga Men Kill Each Other

Both Die Within Few Minutes After Slashing Legs With Knives

May 27.—Two men engaged in a duel with knives near Boone today and both died.

After quarreling for fifteen minutes, Arlie Norris, 30, and his neighbor, James R. Eggers, drew knives and attacked each other. Eggers died instantly after the large vein in his leg had been severed. Norris stumbled over the dead body of Eggers, picked up his child, kissed it and then fell mortally wounded.

The double tragedy occurred at the home of Norris, 20 miles west of Boone.

Argue Over Sheep

Sheriff A. F. Howell of Watauga county said tonight there had been enmity between the two families for more than a year, and that today's fatal cutting affair was the culmination of an argument over sheep.

About a year ago, according to the sheriff, Eggers passed the home of Norris, drew a pistol and shot Norris in the back. Eggers was arrested, but the charges finally were dismissed. Since that affair, the hatred between the two families had grown intense and today when they met an argument over sheep was started. For fifteen minutes the two engaged in a heated controversy which led to the stabbing. Both were cut on the legs and died from the loss of blood.

Inquest Unnecessary

A coroner's investigation was conducted, but inasmuch as evidence clearly indicated that each came to his death at the hands of the other, an inquest was deemed unnecessary.

Both principals were married and had families. The tragedy was one of the most shocking to occur in Watauga county in many years and caused a profound sensation throughout this section.

GREAT FAIR WILL BE STARTED WITH 40-YEAR-OLD RAY

Cambridge, Mass., May 26.—Somewhere out in space, millions of miles away, a light-ray is plunging head-long toward the earth from the great star Arcturus.

That light-beam began its journey from Arcturus during the last world's fair in Chicago 40 years ago. For four decades it has been rushing through space at a rate of about 186,000 miles a second. Saturday night at 10 p. m., eastern standard time, it will complete its journey of 234,627,840,000,000 miles (more or less). It will plunge into a great telescope and trip off a delicate electric mechanism which will open the century of progress exposition at Chicago.

Four great observatories await the moment. At the Harvard college observatory at Oak Ridge, in the town of Harvard, a huge 24-inch reflecting telescope will be turned toward Arcturus Saturday night.

The telescope will be set so that a light beam from Arcturus will fall upon a sensitive photo-electric cell. Exactly at the stroke of 10, Dr. Harlow Shapley, director of the observatory, will pull a shutter which will flash the 40-year-old light beam upon the photo-electric cell.

This delicate cell, incredibly sensitive to the action of even the feeblest ray of light, will set up an electric current which will be amplified by other electrical apparatus. A galvanometer, another sensitive electrical instrument, will receive this current and will swing an intense mirrored light beam upon a second light-sensitive cell. The current thus set up in the second photo-electric cell then will speed out over telegraph wires to throw the switch opening the great fair.

KECIL M. GREESON IS DROWNED IN POND

Kecil Monroe Greeson, 23, of the Mount Hope church section of Guilford county, member of the junior class at Catawba college, Salisbury, was drowned while swimming in a pond near that city Thursday afternoon.

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Miss Lucy Finley Again Director of District U. D. C.; Meeting At Sparta

The Alleghany chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was hostess to the second district meeting at Sparta Saturday. The meeting was presided over by Miss Lucy Finley, of this city, who is district director.

The feature of the meeting was an address by Mrs. James Edwin Woodward, of Wilson, president of the North Carolina U. D. C. Mrs. Woodward was introduced by Miss Finley.

Mrs. Garland Daniel, of Greensboro, state treasurer, was also present.

Free Course In Swimming Instruction To Be Given At Riverside Pool Here

A free course of instruction in swimming and life-saving will begin at Riverside Swimming Pool either tomorrow or Wednesday, it was announced this morning. The course is being sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and other civic organizations.

H. J. Adams, Red Cross examiner, and J. E. Klundt, of the University of Minnesota, will instruct the class and at the end of a two weeks' period, will give an examination for certificates.

Centenary Choir Heard On Sunday

Large Crowd Overflows Local Methodist Church For Last Night's Program

The choir of Centenary church, Winston-Salem, under the direction of Dr. Harry Parker and Dr. Charles G. Vardell, Jr., organist, presented a sacred concert of high order at the Methodist church, North Wilkesboro, Sunday night. A congregation that packed every available space and overflowed in the entrances and outside heard the rendition with rapt attention. The other churches of the city dispensed with their services that their people might attend. The prayer was offered by Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor of the First Baptist church and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. W. Robinson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

The larger part of the program was a cappella. Each number showed that the members of the choir was under the absolute control of the director. One of the selections was an a cappella composed by Dr. Vardell and directed by himself. Numbers rendered were composed by Dr. Parker, the director, and beautifully sung. Each number had a high merit of its own, and was beautifully balanced throughout.

Mr. Wilson Angel who was the soloist of the evening gave a splendid interpretation of "The Lord Is My Light," by Alliston. Mr. Angel, a young man of twenty years, possesses a voice of rare quality and perfect enunciation, and will no doubt in the future find a high place among the artists of America.

The program was closed by the ever beautiful and inspiring "Hallelujah Chorus," from The Messiah, which always brings an audience to its feet.

Dr. P. J. Brame's class of ladies, assisted by their husbands served supper at the Lexion Club House to the visiting singers prior to the program. The ladies are to be congratulated upon the fine way they entertained the choir. They are to be greatly praised.

Finds Much Optimism In Farming Section Of West

Mr. I. E. Pearson and his nephew, Mr. Tal J. Pearson, of this city, returned last week from a visit to Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo. In the latter city, Mr. Pearson, a member of the firm of Pearson Bros., distributors of Quaker Oat company products, attended a convention of distributors of the company.

Mr. Pearson said he found a better feeling existing among the farmers of the mid-west. Prices are advancing and the farmers are encouraged over the outlook for better business.

Both the Messrs. Pearson reported an enjoyable trip.

Business Enjoys Its Best Week In The Past 3 Years

New York, May 26.—Trade and business this week, said the Dun and Broadstreet Review today, have shown more consistent improvement than in any week in the last three years.

"The rise in general business," the agency stated, "has now been lifted to a level sufficiently high to reveal its stability, which appears to be fortified adequately to withstand the usual seasonal recessions of the summer months."

"Reports of steadily increasing employment continue to be received from centers devoted to the production of steel and all allied products, automobiles, textiles, rubber goods, shoes and leather and lumber."

"The course of the leading industries is indicative of the quicker tempo of industrial activity, which has now become too accentuated to be attributed

to a seasonal rise.

"Preparations for reactivation to align activities with the provisions of the national industrial recovery act has spread from the textile, hosiery, shoe and leather, food products, electrical, lumber, metals, petroleum, dry colors and paperboard industries to a wide group of smaller trades."

"The effects of the new legislation are expected to become concretely evident within three months after passage of the bill. With the large department stores and specialty shops, the May turnover gives assurance of surpassing the volume of the comparable preceding year's period for the first time in two years."

Calvin Hutchison Dies

Calvin, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hutchison, of Traphill township, died Thursday. The funeral was held at Roaring River Friday at 10 a. m., being in charge of Rev. A. C. Sinden.

Miss Mary Ella McCurdy To Assist In Making Case

Miss Mary Ella McCurdy, of Spartanburg, S. C., arrived Thursday to take up her work as relief "case worker" in Wilkes county. Instructions have been given the county welfare department not to use any federal emergency relief funds to aid any individual or family until the need has been investigated thoroughly and Miss McCurdy was assigned to assist in making these investigations.

In the future, help will be given only to those in dire need, it is understood, the garden program being designed to eliminate those who will not help themselves.

Explanation Given Roosevelt Plan of Currency Reform

Washington, May 26.—In plain words from official and other sources there came tonight this explanation of the effect of the gold resolution introduced today: It simply legalizes the present situation.

Gold having been withdrawn from circulation, paper currency and coins that are lawful money may be used in the payment of all debts.

Such money has the same status as gold. Bonds and obligations of the United States may be retired in currency or silver instead of gold.

Both public and private currency issues in the future or now outstanding may be paid in currency or silver.

The step is expected to reduce hoarding of gold since it would remove the premium held by gold.

The gold, while having been withdrawn from circulation, is back of the other money of the United States.

The government now holds \$4,314,000,000 of monetary gold and the federal reserve banks have \$2,499,234,000 of gold.

The metal they hold is enough under the present reserve requirement, to back nearly \$3,000,000,000 more currency than the United States has in circulation.

Kennedy Returns From Fishing Trip To East

George Kennedy, manager of North Wilkesboro branch office of the South East Public Service company, returned today from a fishing trip to the eastern part of the state. He was accompanied on the trip by the managers of the telephone offices at Elkin, Mt. Airy, Leaksville and Rural Hall. They fished in and around Morehead City, Oriental and in the Neuse River. Splendid success was reported by Mr. Kennedy.

Republican Leader Quits

Cleveland, O., May 25.—Smiling Maurice Maschke, whose name has been a symbol of power in Ohio politics for 25 years, stepped down abruptly today as chairman of the Cuyahoga county (Cleveland) Republican central committee. He gave no reason for abandoning the post but the decision came after repeated public criticism of his leadership from within the party organization.

Teacher Had Told Her Class of Youngsters that Milton, the Poet, Was Blind

A teacher had told her class of youngsters that Milton, the poet, was blind. The next day she asked if any of them remembered what Milton's great affliction was.

"Yes," replied one little fellow, "he was a poet."

Mrs. Sue Pennell Claimed By Death

Funeral Held Thursday At Little Rock Church; 79 Years Old

Funeral services were held Thursday at Little Rock church for Mrs. Sue Pennell, of the Boomer section, who died Wednesday at 5:30 p. m. The service was held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and was conducted by Rev. Isaac Watts.

Mrs. Pennell was 79 years of age.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. Jones Pennell, four sons, Bonnie Pennell, of Texas; Charles and Robert, of Boomer; Thomas, of Durham; three daughters, Mrs. Rose Parsons and Mrs. Minnie Parsons, both of Boomer, and Mrs. Effie Barlow, of Granite Falls.

The Moving Spirit

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