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GREAT LOSS BY FIRE

The destiny of Burlington looked to be at stake Monday morning at eight o'clock when fire swept near the heart of the town and left in smoking ruin the tobacco warehouse used by Mr. E. L. Morgan, the property of Mr. L. J. Fonville, the old prize house used as a storage room by the American Tobacco Company and two or three small dwellings occupied by colored people. The fire started from the explosion of an oil stove which was being lighted. For almost an hour White's stable looked as if it would be destroyed by the mighty roaring flames. At one time the Burlington Hosiery Mill caught but was extinguished by a bucket brigade before the flame made any headway.

Had it not been for the gallantry of the fire boys who worked like heroes in time of battle the flames would have gained their way to Main street and where the end would have been is unknown.

The property of Mr. Fonville is valued at \$7,000 with \$3,700 insurance. In the warehouse Mr. Morgan had a large amount of tobacco with \$1,000 insurance. In the storage house the American Tobacco Company had stack upon stack of tobacco which they suffered great loss.

The Graham and Greensboro fire boys both responded to the call for help. The Graham boys arriving while the flames were at their greatest force. The following from the Greensboro Daily News gives an idea at what speed they came:

Within one hour and twenty minutes after the call from Burlington for aid the Greensboro Fire department was on the scene and ready to lend assistance in the fight against the flames and high wind. Happily the fire was under control when the local boys arrived and "General Greene" and the Southside Hose wagon were not unloaded. In exactly 30 minutes after the call the Southern railway had a special standing at the Davis street crossing. Forty minutes were required in loading and making the 22-mile run to Burlington, Engineer L. T. Knight hitting the tracks only in the high places. The special left here a few minutes before 9 o'clock and returned about 11:30 o'clock.

Besides 30 members of the local department there were a number of people on the special, while the regular passenger train, No. 144, leaving here at 9:40 o'clock carried many more. When the later ones arrived the fire was out and the special was ready to start the return trip to Greensboro. To all who went to Burlington it was easy to see that there was real cause for alarm. The fire was near the principal business street of the city and at the time of its origin a strong wind was blowing. Later this wind shifted and with such aid the Burlington department had little trouble in beating down the flames.

In the Burlington Sunday Schools Sunday, Dec. 3, 1911.

Sunday School Totals.	
Attendance	Collection
M. E.	
Baptist	232 14.49
Presbyterian	277 3.74
German Ref.	
Christian	213 11.72
M. P.	203 3.41
Webb Ave.	110 2.98
	1035 \$36.34

MEN'S BIBLE AND BARACA CLASSES TOTALS.

Attendance		Collection	
Baptist	55	8.03	
Presbyterian	13	.87	
Christian	35	4.23	
M. P.	32	1.40	
German Ref.			
Webb Ave.	30	1.89	
M. E.			
Snow Camp,			
Total today	165	\$16.42	

John H. Vernon, Secretary

BAD WRECK AT HAW RIVER

One of the worst freight wrecks which has occurred in this section of the State occurred Thursday evening at Haw River when through freight No. 175 west bound and local freight had a wreck on the trestle at Haw River at 2 p. m.

Local freight, Engineer Allen, backing into a siding, failed to clear the main line as the through train came up behind and side-swiped the front of the local at the entrance to the 200-yard trestle which is 60 feet above the river.

Engineer Morton Avery, of Greensboro jumped and rolled down a fifty foot embankment sustaining several bruises but no broken bones. Fireman Hawkins (colored) of Spencer, who stuck to his post to the finish was buried beneath the wreckage, it being four hours before his body could be gotten out. Although medical aid was rendered him while in the wreckage he was so badly mangled he died shortly after being loosed, and before arriving at St. Leo's Hospital, at Greensboro.

The tender of the local engine fell sixty feet to the ground below landing at the edge of the river. Following the engine were three cars which were left standing on the end of the steep incline.

Traffic was necessarily badly delayed. Passenger and mail trains No. 139 and 131 transferring and backing to Durham and Greensboro. Crowds from Burlington and Graham who went to witness the wreck were large. The street cars being forced to put into service even the summer cars.

In Honor of Rev. and Mrs. Kendall.

Under the auspices of the good ladies of the Christian church a delightful reception was given Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Kendall the new Christian minister at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Morrow Tuesday night. All the members of the church were invited to be present, and the ministers of the various congregations. Between one hundred and fifty and two hundred were present. A very interesting program consisting of music and recitations had been planned. Piano solo, Miss McDowell, Trio, Miss McDowell, Miss Robertson and Mrs. J. L. Scott, recitation Miss Mary Foster, vocal solo Mrs. Scott, piano solo, Miss McDowell. Refreshments including a salad course were served. The chief aim of the entertainment was to meet Rev. and Mrs. Kendall. The evening was very much enjoyed.

FOUR KILLED IN RAILWAY ACCIDENT

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 1.—Four persons were killed and a score or more injured this evening according to reports received here, when Illinois' Central passenger train No. 101, bound from Memphis to Louisville, went into the ditch, twelve miles east of here. The train is one of the fastest on the system. Spreading rails is said to be the cause. All the nine coaches went into the ditch and then rolled over.

The scene of the wreck is remote from wire facilities. The train said to have been running 40 miles an hour, had crossed the Cumberland River and proceeded about a mile and a half when it left the track.

A relief train carrying surgeons and nurses was sent from here and the dead and injured will be brought here.

Keywasee Tribe No. 97 will meet next Monday night Dec. 11 for the purpose of nominating officers for the ensuing year. Every member is urged to be present. C. H. Walker, Chief.

WHO WILL BE NEXT?

Quite a number of our subscribers have sent in their subscription since our gentle reminder; but a far greater number have not. Keep the good work going and let the dollars come, because we need them all. Don't forget, please.

PROGRAM

Program of Organ Recital to Be Given at Church of the Holy Comforter, Thursday Night, December 7th.

- 1—Grand Offertoire in G.
 - 2—Melody in F.
 - 3—Solo, "Unanswered" Mrs. Pomeroy.
 - 4—(a) Wolframs Prayer from "Tannhauser," (b) "Humoreske," Mrs. Pomeroy.
 - 5—War March of the Priests, Wagner.
 - 6—Priere et Berceuse, Mendelssohn.
 - 7—"The Better Land," Gilman.
 - 8—Salut D' Amour, Elgar.
 - 9—Hallelujah Chorus, Handel.
- From the "Messiah."

Farmers.

Doubtless My many friends of Guilford, Alamance, Caswell and Orange Counties are aware of my loss in getting My Warehouse burned on last Monday. I am glad to inform you that I have secured The large Brick building that was used for the Bridge plant, giving Me More than 12000 ft. of floor space. I have never had a More ideal Warehouse since I have been in the business. Well lighted, good accommodations for both Man and beast. The buyers have promised their hearty Co-operation, and they say no pile of tobacco shall sell for less than the highest Market prices on MORGAN'S floor. And of course you know that the farmers' interest is My chief aim when selling your tobacco. I had a very good sale today and My entire floor averaged \$18.80. Remember MORGAN'S NEW BRICK WAREHOUSE. Will Always lead and sell More tobacco for More Money than any Warehouse in this section of the state. MORGAN the hustler knows how to get you the price for your tobacco. I have been selling tobacco for the past two days for the biggest prices I have sold tobacco in 20 years. Come to see me. Your friend, MORGAN.

A Free Note Book 1912 Calendar for Our Readers.

We take pleasure in announcing that any of our readers can secure a pretty vest pocket note book and calendar by sending 4 one-cent stamps to D. Swift & Co., Patent Lawyers, Washington, D. C. In addition to the 44 blank pages for memoranda, it contains calendars for 1912 and 1913, the population of the 600 largest cities, 20 in each state according to the census of 1910, the population and area of each state, the number of electoral votes each presidential candidate received from each state in 1908, the number of Democrats and Republicans elected to Congress by each state in 1908 and 1910, a chapter of useful household information, and a chapter of useful law points for every day use. This book would cost 35 cents at a book store.

Important Notice.

All citizens interested in civic improvements are requested by the Mayor and officials of the town to meet with Dr. Delia Dixon Carroll at the Baptist church Friday night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a civic league.

J. H. Freeland, Mayor.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to sincerely thank the Fire Company and citizens for their work preventing our property from being destroyed by the recent fire.

Drs. Spoon & Hornaday.

A U. S. policeman has arrested the Mexican revolution.

An Old Burlington Boy Coming Towards Home.

Mr. E. P. Williams, an old Burlington boy, writes that the Hartford Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., has made Contract with Mr. Marion Rich for North Carolina. Mr. Rich is now one of the leading General Agents for his Company in the United States and with both North and South Carolina as his territory he lead the entire Agency force in 1912.

Anyone who is contemplating working Life Insurance and wants a Company that can offer the best Contracts both Participating and Non-Participating, write Mr. Williams, who is Office Manager for Mr. Marion Rich, General Agent, and he will be glad to offer you a proposition along this line. He wants good, honest and reliable men in every town in North Carolina to represent the Hartford Life. He also wants several Special Men and will give a liberal Contract to the right man. Address Marion Rich, General Agent, Columbia, S. C.

We quoted the following from the Insurance Herald:

The South Carolina field men of the Hartford Life Insurance Company gathered in Columbia for their annual banquet, tendered by Marion Rich, general agent, at the Columbia hotel last Saturday night. T. F. Lawrence, vice president of the Hartford Life was present and spoke on "The Hartford Life—What It is Doing and Intends to Do. F. H. McMaster, insurance commissioner of South Carolina, was also present and talked to the Hartford agents on the insurance department.

In his address Vice President Lawrence complimented Marion Rich, general agent for South Carolina, and declared that his company was proud of the South Carolina agency which leads the field in offered and paid for business.

"Just of late," said Mr. Lawrence, "the North has begun to look to the South for investments. This section of the country is at last coming into its own. I am glad to be able to announce tonight that the Hartford Life is considering investing part of its reserve in South Carolina, and I feel sure that before six months have passed my company will have made farm loans and bought South Carolina municipal bonds."

Insurance Commissioner McMaster in speaking to the Hartford agents, declared that a field man should choose his company and stick to it. It is the aim of the insurance department, he said, to build up loyal leagues of agents for every company. In a few years the commissioner said that he was looking forward to publishing an honor roll of agents who had remained loyal to one company.

Mr. McMaster condemned "twisting in the strongest terms. "The 'twister' is like the pirate of the high seas," he declared. He asked the Hartford agents to report all cases of "twisting" to

DEATHS

Mrs. Lea Barnette of south west Burlington died Tuesday night about midnight. The remains will be carried to Stony Creek Thursday where funeral and burial services will be conducted by Rev'd Sample of Cross Roads assisted by Rev. D. McIver of the city. She leaves a husband and one son Avy Barnette, an electrician. She was the sister of J. Mc Garrison and Mrs. J. H. Walker of near Stony Creek. She was a good christian woman and highly respected by her many friends.

Mrs. Chas. Lewis died Tuesday at two o'clock at the age of 86. She leaves a husband and one child Mrs. Dickens of Graham. She will be buried today at Bethel funeral by Rev'd A. B. Kendall pastor of the Christian Church.

Miss Mary Walker of Watson Route 1 Pleasant Grove Township died Tuesday night at the age of little more than sixty. She will be buried at Union Ridge Thursday. She was the aunt of our townsmen Messrs. C. O. and Robt. Walker.

She leaves two sisters Mrs. J. W. Smith of Durham and Mrs. J. H. Trolinger of Haw River, and one brother Mr. Calvin Walker with whom she made her home. She will be buried at Union Ridge Thursday.

Mr. William Cooper of Railroad Street died this morning at three o'clock at the home of his daughter Mrs. Weldon Burke with whom he lived. He was 91 years old and came here from near Prospect Hill. He leaves two sons and five daughters. Burial will take place at the Cooper burying ground in Caswell county tomorrow.

Dr. Delia Dixon Carroll and Mrs. W. N. Hutt of Raleigh Coming.

Dr. Delia Dixon Carroll and Mrs. W. N. Hutt, Chairman of Health Dept. of The Federation of Woman's Clubs of North Carolina will be in Burlington Friday, Dec. 8, under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Mrs. Hutt will talk to the children of the Graded School on School Hygiene. At 3 o'clock at the Baptist Church she will address the mothers and teachers on the Moral Problem of the children.

Friday evening at 8 o'clock, Dr. Delia Dixon Carroll will address a mass meeting at the Baptist Church on Municipal Sanitation.

All those interested in Civic Improvement are requested to be present.

Enjoy the Winter Nights.

If it is your eyes that bothers you from the pleasure that surrounds you, when at home reading or sewing have them seen to for I will fit you with suitable glasses that will give you comfort in reading and doing close work. I will be at Dr. Morrow's Office Tuesday, Dec. 12th.

Dr. S. Rapport, Eye Specialist.

would make an independent investigation.

Addresses were also delivered by Rev. Allan Macfarlan, a Hartford field man of Columbia, on "How to Secure Business" and J. D. Frost of Columbia, one of the evening, on "The Advantages of Being a Life Insurance Policy Holder."

The agents voted their thanks to the home office for having sent a representative to their banquet.

Among those present at the banquet were: T. F. Lawrence, vice president of the Hartford Life; Marion Rich, Columbia, general agent for the Hartford in South Carolina; F. H. McMaster, insurance commissioner of South Carolina; E. P. Williams, Columbia office manager, and he field agents.

Proceedings of the County Commissioners.

Graham, N. C., Dec. 4.—The Board of County Commissioners of Alamance County met in the Court house on the above date at ten o'clock A. M. in regular monthly meeting with the following members present:

- W. H. Turrentine,
- T. B. Barker,
- E. L. Dailey,
- J. E. Stroud,
- Geo. T. Williamson, chairman,

being absent upon motion duly made and seconded W. H. Turrentine was elected chairman pro tempore.

The following business was transacted:

Ordered: That the report of Chas. D. Johnston, Register of Deeds in and for Alamance County be accepted, approved and ordered recorded and filed.

Ordered: That the report of Chas. D. Johnston, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of Alamance County as to the County Debt sinking fund be accepted, approved and ordered recorded.

Chas. D. Johnston presented a receipt renewing his official Bond for one year it is ordered that same be accepted and ordered filed.

Ordered: That the report of Dr. Geo. W. Long, Supt. of Health for Alamance County be accepted and filed.

Ordered: That J. N. Taylor be relieved of tax on \$950.00 solvent credits same being an error in listing his tax in N. Burlington.

Ordered: That W. N. Thompson investigate building bridge across the creek near Mr. Thos. Foust's as asked for in petition of citizens presented to this Board and report to this Board at its next meeting.

Ordered: That W. N. Thompson be authorized to work on road from Greensboro to Big Falls Bridge, also finish the fills at Staggs creek bridge and do some work on the Belmont road.

J. D. Kernode, C. S. C. presented a receipt renewing his official bond and the same was ordered upon motion accepted and filed.

Ordered: That J. D. Kernode C. S. C. be allowed until the first Monday in January, 1912 to file his official report.

Ordered: That W. H. Turrentine and T. B. Barker be appointed a committee investigate the road at the Danieley pines near Danieleys and report to this Board at its next meeting.

Ordered: That the matter of allowing Mr. Patterson a cart way across the land of Dr. Page be laid over until the next meeting of this Board.

Ordered: That J. M. Gattis be refunded tax on \$1.25 same having been paid as the special Road tax erroneously.

Ordered: That R. N. Cook be authorized to refund to J. E. Isley the sum of \$1.90 and charge the same to Friendship Graded school as it has been erroneously listed in said district.

The outside poor list was revised and the usual orders made.

Ordered: That \$36.93, the proceeds of the Kerby estate be turned over to the County Treasurer and credited to the General County fund.

Ordered: That this Board give note to the National Bank of Burlington for \$135.76 for freight on iron cells etc. for the county work house.

Ordered: That the bill presented by the River Falls Farm for the sum of \$128.75 for repairing engine which broke through the Galbreth bridge across Haw River be and is hereby rejected.

A franchise was granted J. W. Murray, his heirs and assigns the right, locate, operate and maintain an Interurbay Railway over and along the Public Roads of Alamance County.

There being no further business the Board adjourned.

Masonic Meeting.

Bula Lodge No. 409 A. F. and A. M. will hold its regular communication next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. Work in the Second Degree. All members are urged to be present.