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THREE INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

N. F. Steppe, J. W. Ragland
and E. C. Klontz Painfully
Hurt in Accident Saturday.

N. F. Steppe, county superintendent of schools; J. W. Ragland, Marion attorney, and Prof. E. C. Klontz, of the Marion High School faculty, had a miraculous escape from death in an automobile accident at Carey, a few miles west of Raleigh, while on their way home from Raleigh last Saturday morning.

According to reports reaching here Mr. Steppe and Mr. Klontz, accompanied by Mr. Ragland, had started home after attending the meeting of the North Carolina Educational Association in Raleigh and were rounding a curve near the town of Carey when a large limousine, owned by Mrs. Thos. F. Fyle, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and driven by her chauffeur, collided with the coupe driven by Mr. Steppe. It is said the Packard car was running at a high rate of speed and that the driver evidently lost control of the car. It swerved to the right of way and struck Mr. Steppe's car with such terrific force that the occupants were thrown out and the car completely demolished.

As a result of the accident Mr. Klontz was rendered unconscious for some time and it was at first thought his injuries would prove fatal. All were hurried to the Rex Hospital in Raleigh for treatment. After having his wounds dressed it was found that the condition of Mr. Klontz was not as serious as first thought and he was able to return home on Monday morning. Mr. Klontz suffered a dislocation of the elbow, was cut about the face and head and badly bruised. Mr. Steppe was cut about the hand and badly bruised but is reported to be getting along very well and expects to be able to return home in a day or so. Mr. Ragland sustained a severe cut across the head, was cut about the face and badly bruised.

Mr. Klontz, while badly bruised and experiencing a severe shock, is recovering at his home on South Main street and hopes to be able to resume his school work in a short time.

Damage Suit Stated

The Raleigh paper contained the following account of the accident:

The quickest civil action in court as the aftermath of a motor wreck was started Saturday afternoon in Wake Superior Court less than six hours after five people were sent to the hospital with injuries received when two automobiles crashed on the Central Highway near Cary. The accident occurred Saturday morning.

A large limousine, owned by Mrs. Thomas F. Fyle, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and driven by her chauffeur, Albert Gordon, collided with a coupe driven by N. F. Steppe, superintendent of the McDowell County schools.

The three Marion men were in the coupe returning to their home after attending the State Teachers' convention here and the Brooklyn car was headed toward Raleigh. The collision occurred where the highways Nos. 10 and 90 meet at the Cricket filling station.

Gordon, the chauffeur, was arrested by a county deputy, but later released after suits were started.

The suits were started by Steppe, Ragland and Klontz against Mrs. Fyle, but Broughton and Biggs, counsel for the men, stated that the amount of damages sought will not be determined until the extent of the injuries are known.

RUTHERFORD SINGING CONVENTION TO MEET

Rutherfordon, March 22. — The Rutherford County Singing Convention will meet at Mt. View Baptist Church, three miles south of Rutherfordon, Sunday, March 31, all day. A large crowd is expected to attend. About a dozen choirs will take part, besides many quartets and special numbers.

DEATH TAKES HEAD OF OAK RIDGE SCHOOL

Oak Ridge, March 21. — T. E. Whitaker, president of Oak Ridge Military Institute since 1914 and one of Guilford county's most distinguished citizens, died here Wednesday night at 11:30 o'clock after a week's illness. He was about 65 years of age.

TAX LISTING DATE CHANGES NEXT YEAR

The 1929 Machinery Act adopted by the Legislature which has just adjourned provides that real and personal property shall be listed for the year 1929 under the provisions of the Machinery Act of 1927. The 1927 Act provides that property shall be listed as of May 1st. The 1929 Act provides that property shall be listed for the year 1930 as of April 1st.

The only provision of the 1929 Machinery Act which becomes operative this year is that in reference to the discount for the payment of taxes and penalty for failure to pay same.

Discounts and Penalties

All taxes assessed or levied by any county in this State, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be due and payable on the first Monday of October of the year in which so assessed and levied, and if actually paid in cash on or before the first day of November next after due and payable, there shall be deducted a discount of one per cent. After November 1 and on or before the first day of December a discount of one-half of one per cent will be allowed. After December 1 and before February 1, the tax shall be paid at par or face value.

After the first day of February and on or before the first day of March a penalty of one per cent will be added; after March 1 and on or before April 1, a penalty of two per cent; after April 1 and on or before May 1, a penalty of three per cent; and after May 1 and on or before June 1, a penalty of four per cent.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL SEASON OPENS FRIDAY

The high school baseball season will open this week, the first game to be played at Rutherfordon on Friday afternoon between Marion and the central High School team of Rutherfordon. The outlook for the Marion team this year is said to be very encouraging and a series of interesting games is promised.

The first game of the season to be played in Marion will take place at Cross Mill Park Tuesday, April 2, at 4 o'clock, when Valdese will play Marion.

A schedule of thirteen games has been arranged to be played before the state championship series in which Marion will enter this year.

REVIVAL SERVICES AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Revival services were begun at the First Presbyterian Church last Sunday with a large attendance, and the services are constantly growing in interest and attendance.

The meeting is being conducted by Dr. J. E. Flow, evangelist of Concord Presbytery. Dr. Flow is a fearless and forceful speaker of the old-time gospel and intersperses his sermons with illustrations and stories that carry home his point to his hearers. The people who have heard Dr. Flow during the week have been much impressed with his able gospel sermons.

The meeting will continue through out the week with services daily at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

MISS McCALL HONORED

At the annual conference of the North Carolina State Union of Student Volunteers for Foreign Missions held in Raleigh March 15, 16 and 17, Miss Kathryn McCall of Marion was elected president of the North Carolina Union for the coming year. Miss McCall is a rising senior at Greensboro College and one of the most enthusiastic student volunteers preparing for service as a missionary for the foreign field. The Student Volunteer with national headquarters in New York endeavors to interpret missions to each college generation, enlist students in preparation for missionary service abroad, and relate qualified candidates to church boards. Miss McCall, being a member of the honor society, Y. W. C. A. Cabinet, and Letter Club of the Athletic Association, is an outstanding student on her campus. As a Junior in the School of Music she appeared in recital on March 5. Her playing was characterized by clean technique and unusual interpretative ability.

Top-dressing small grain with quick-acting nitrogen is a sure way to increase yields of grain and hay, say agronomists.

E. G. Goforth, of Glenwood, was here on business Wednesday.

Easter

Silently, yet swiftly,
The pulsing breath of spring
Is lending life and beauty
To every living thing;
Opening bud and blossom
Along each walk and way,
Spreading gladness and delight
To greet the Easter day.

Tinting skies with sapphire,
Streams with silver bright,
Sending little winds abroad
Through the day and night,
Coaxing fragrant blossoms
From the bursting sod,
Crying out a welcome
To the risen God.

Prompting feathered songsters.
On each leafy bough
To herald out the tidings:
"Spring is with us now!"
Let your hearts be happy,
Throw all cares away,
Join in nature's symphony
On this Easter day."

—Katherine Edelman

EASTER CANTATA MONDAY EVENING

"The First Easter" to Be Presented by Music Club at the First Baptist Church, 8 p. m.

The first public performance of the Music Club will be the presentation of a cantata entitled "The First Easter," by Ira Bishop Wilson, on Easter Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The program will be given at the First Baptist Church under the direction of Mr. T. A. Wilson with Miss Julia Burton as organist. A silver offering will be taken. The program is as follows:

Voluntary, Allegro Brillant (Lou) Miss Julia Burton and Mrs. R. K. Davis.

Invocation, by Rev. J. S. Lockaby.

Violin solo, Souvenir (Drdla); Mrs. Arnold Morris.

Scripture, Rev. W. O. Goode.

Prayer, Rev. J. C. Story.

Solo, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" (Handel); Mrs. T. A. Wilson.

Offertory solo "Ave Maria" (Bach-Gounod); Miss Burton.

Organ prelude, "The First Easter"

Silent the Sleeping Town, by choir

Contralto solo, "In the Garden"

Mrs. P. D. Mangum.

"Shall Heavy Rock", soprano solo, Mrs. Annie Miller Pless. Choir.

Soprano solo, "The Break of Day"

Mrs. D. F. Giles.

"As It Began to Dawn", contralto solo, Mrs. E. C. Klontz. Choir.

"All Hail", soprano solo, Miss Zelma Atwell. Choir.

"Christ Is Risen", final chorus, soprano solo, Mrs. Annie Miller Pless. Choir.

Benediction, Rev. P. D. Mangum.

Sopranos—Mrs. D. F. Giles, Mrs. Annie Miller Pless, Mrs. T. H. Henderson, Mrs. Ben Price, Mrs. John A. Poteat, Mrs. S. L. Copeland, Mrs. George McCall, Mrs. L. B. Coone, Miss Zelma Atwell and Miss Lois Gilkey.

Altos—Mrs. Arnold Morris, Mrs. R. K. Davis, Mrs. Roy Davis, Miss Joyce Decker, Mrs. C. A. Harris, Miss Elsie House, Mrs. P. D. Mangum, Mrs. J. E. Decker, Mrs. E. C. Klontz.

Ushers—Katherine Giles, Estelle Mangum, Debs Henderson, Mary Virginia Copeland, Betty Wilson, Helen Klontz.

FARMERS STUDY TIMBER FARMING

Farm Timber of McDowell County Offers a Profitable Crop, Says State Forester.

McDowell County farmers attend two meetings on Thursday to study methods in timber farming. These meetings were held at the farms of G. C. Conley, Marion Route 1, and W. M. Wilson, Marion Route 2. Farmers are anxious to know how they can make every acre of land produce an income. They have found by experience that there are better methods of planting and growing corn; better methods of hatching and feeding poultry. And now the more progressive farmers believe there are better methods in management of their woodlands. These meetings were in charge of W. L. Smarr, County Agent. Mr. Smarr was assisted by R. W. Graeber, Extension Forester, of the State College, Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. Graeber stated that the farm timber of McDowell county offers the greatest opportunity to the farmers in making their farming operations profitable, by balancing their labors throughout the year. "Timber," he said, "is a crop just the same as cotton or corn. This crop can be made just as profitable, if we will give it the same intelligent management that we give out other farm crops. We thin our crops of corn, giving each stalk an opportunity to grow. Why not thin your timber? In many stands we find the trees are over crowded. We find stunted, crippled and diseased trees fighting with the better trees for plant food and moisture, as well as sunlight and air. These crippled and stunted trees will make fire wood. Take them out and give the better trees a chance to grow.

"Today we held a meeting at the farm of Mr. G. C. Conley, where a thinning demonstration was started. On the area thinned we cut at the rate of 16 cords of fire wood per acre and left 440 trees per acre standing. This leaves a full stand for the size trees on this area. In fact the remaining trees will provide for two or three future periodic harvests, with each harvest getting better.

A similar meeting and demonstration was held at the farm of Mr. W. M. Wilson, where we cut at the rate of 12½ cords of fire wood per acre, leaving 540 trees per acre standing. Only the waste trees were cut, just like thinning and weeding a crop of corn. It will pay McDowell farmers to visit these farms and see just what this work means."

Mr. Graeber further stated: "North Carolina has a million and a half acres of farm lands cleared but idle. This means that we don't need to clear more land for crops. Idle lands don't pay taxes or produce income. Growing trees are producing wealth. Farm timber is the farmers' best savings bank; the trees add the interest every night."

"This idea of thinning and growing timber is beginning to take like measles with many farmers," said Mr. Graeber. "I noticed that Mr. G. C. Conley, of West Marion, has started an excellent job of timber thinning and management, just a few miles out of town. He is setting a good example for his neighbors."

Pasture seed mixtures are being planted on small grain in Burke county as a start in the growing of more permanent pastures.

ANGLER'S BILL IS STATE-WIDE

Several Changes Made in the Game Laws by 1929 Assembly; State License Fee \$2.10

Wild life conservation scored heavily in the closing hours of the 1929 General Assembly with the concurrence of the Senate in two bills which had previously gone through the House.

Probably the main feature of wild life measures to be enacted into law was the State-wide angler's bill which passed both of the houses of the legislature as a committee substitute to the Etheridge-Boyd-Mull bill, which was offered early in the session.

The law which is in full force after its ratification by the presiding officers of the Assembly, prescribes a license fee for all types of fishing and is made State-wide in application. The main alteration from the bill in its original form is the elimination of the county license provision.

As the law goes into effect, it will require a State license fee of \$2.10 of any person who participates in any method of hook and line or rod and reel fishing in counties outside the one in which he permanently resides. Fishermen from other states will be charged a non-resident fee of \$3.10 for fishing in North Carolina waters.

The exceptions from license requirements are as follows: "No person required by law to procure a license to propagate fish for sale, shall be required in addition to secure a license provided by this act. The provisions of this act shall not be applied to the Atlantic Ocean, the sounds or other large bodies of water near the sea-coast which do not, in the judgment of the Department of Conservation and Development, need to be stocked or protected; nor shall they prevent the owner of any land or members of his family under 21 years of age from fishing thereon without a license."

Among the most important of the changes in the State Game Law is the advancing of the open season for quail and turkey to November 20, in order to allow hunting on Thanksgiving Day. Rabbit and dove seasons have also been changed so that all four of these will open on the same date. The four seasons, with the exception of dove, will close on February 15. Dove season will end on January 31.

New features of the game law include a license requirement of \$2 and \$3 for trapping wild animals, these amounts to be for county and state licenses. Non-residents will be required to pay a trapper's fee of \$25, with an issuing fee of 25c being added in each case.

Hunting guides are also to be regulated by the payment of a fee not to exceed \$10, the definite amount to be fixed by the Board of Conservation and Development. The board is also empowered to make rules and regulations respecting the conduct of guides.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY

Union Mills, Rt. 1, March 23. — Mrs. F. V. Harris celebrated the eighth birthday of her little daughter Mary Ella, last Monday from two till four o'clock. The children enjoyed a number of outdoor games, after which they were invited into the dining room where fruits, cakes and candies were served. Mrs. Harris was assisted by Mrs. Cora Nichols, Miss Mary Lee Wilkerson, Miss Sophia Rhodes, Mrs. Eva Vess and Mrs. John Smith.

The following children enjoyed the happy event: Pauline, Rachel, Vasser, Viola and Lodge Parker, Don and Sophia Hemphill, Vurtel Wilkerson, Jean, Thad, Verdie and Theron Harris, Harold and Carrier McCurry.

Little Miss Mary Ella received many pretty gifts.

Over 14,000 pounds of sweet clover seed have been ordered by farmers of Iredell county this spring. The acreage to this clover will be increased by 400 per cent in this county.

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FIREMAN ELLIS HURT IN A WRECK NEAR THERMAL CITY

Rutherfordon, March 26. — Fireman Ed Ellis, of Erwin, Tenn., is in the Rutherford Hospital suffering with a broken leg, left arm broken and foot bruised as a result of a head-on collision on the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway near Thermal City, about 12 miles north of here, yesterday morning.

Brakeman Peak opened a switch by mistake, which caused the wreck. A through freight was on the sidetrack standing still with 60 cars of coal while a freight was on the main line enroute north loaded with perishables, mostly oranges, fruits, etc., and was making good time, getting ready to climb a grade when it took the switch. It was running late and was trying to make up time. The cars piled up and the loss was heavy. Engineer O. H. Fox, on the fast freight, jumped and saved his life, though he suffered some bruises. Mr. Ellis had a narrow escape and was dug out from under a "mountain" of oranges and vegetables.

GARDNER ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN OFFICIALS

Raleigh, March 21.—Formal announcement of the appointment of Colonel John W. Harrelson, professor of mathematics at State College, as director of the state department of conservation and development, was made by Governor Gardner today.

Colonel Harrelson will take office April 1, relieving Major Wade Phillips, director since early in 1926, who was not a candidate for reappointment. Major Phillips will resume the practice of law at Lexington.

Colonel Harrelson, like the governor, is a native of Cleveland county and they attended State College together.

As assistant director, the governor announced he had appointed J. G. Hargett, of Trenton, to succeed his fellow townsman, J. K. Dixon, the present assistant.

DYSARTSVILLE NEWS.

Dysartsville, March 25.—The Dysartsville school closed last Friday night with a good program. There was a good crowd in attendance considering the rainy weather. The Dysartsville school has had a very successful term this year with Mr. Chas. L. Haney as principal, assisted by Misses Inez Daves, Annie Spratt and Lorraine Corpening.

Eugene Vickers is planning to move to Marion.

Mrs. W. A. Laughridge was honored with a birthday dinner here on Sunday. Dinner was served on the ground near the home of her son, J. D. Laughridge. A number of relatives were present and the occasion was greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. Alice Evans and three little children visited relatives in Marion last week.

An Easter program will be given at the Methodist Church next Sunday at 11 o'clock, by the children. Rev. H. E. Stimson, the pastor, will be present and observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Every body invited to attend.

W. H. Taylor has returned home from Charlotte where he recently underwent an operation. We hope Mr. Taylor will soon recover for he is one of our best citizens.

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