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## MORE THAN 50 PERSONS KILLED BY TORNADES

LATEST ADVICES INDICATE MORE THAN 400 PERSONS WERE KILLED

Damage To Property Runs Into Millions. Wires Are Crippled.

Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and other states hit by series of storms of cyclonic proportions; South Carolina has death lists so far of nearly forty; eighteen reported dead in Alabama; small Georgia town devastated; three deaths reported from North Carolina; schools blown down, teachers and pupils killed; hundreds of houses and farm buildings razed, burying dead and injured under the debris; crippled communications make appraisal of true situation almost impossible.

Columbia, S. C., April 30.—Destruction wrought by cyclonic winds which raged through Southeastern states today assumed the proportions of a state-wide disaster in South Carolina where tornadoes struck at intervals and in various sections throughout the day and rolled a toll which incomplete reports received here tonight placed fifty-five dead, many scores injured, hundreds with out homes and property losses which are expected to mount well above a million dollars.

Atlanta, Ga., April 30.—Fifty-seven persons were killed, more than 400 injured, many perhaps fatally, hundreds were made homeless and untold property damage was caused by storms of cyclonic proportions which devastated sections of the Southeast today. Fragmentary reports continuing to trickle in from the storm area wrote a steadily increasing list of dead and injured early tonight, as the disturbance swept into North Carolina, the fifth state to suffer.

Tell In South Carolina. South Carolina, with a total of 41 known dead, many others reported killed, and more than 100 injured, 78 seriously, was the hardest hit. Incomplete reports from Alabama tell of 18 deaths, more than a score of persons injured and some missing; while four are known to have been killed in Georgia and more than a score injured. Not included in the toll of casualties in today's storm was one negro who was killed last night in Louisiana.

### Three Persons Killed By Chatham County Cyclone.

Chapel Hill, April 30.—Sweeping clear a path of a hundred yards wide and a mile long, a tornado at noon today brought destruction to Pace's Mill section, 12 miles southeast of Chapel Hill, killing three persons and injuring more or less seriously, seven others.

The dead are Dave Blalock, his wife and their 16-year-old son, Charles.

The injured are W. D. Johnson and wife, their two children and Mrs. Will Blalock and her two children.

Tonight Dr. E. B. Lloyd and Dr. E. A. Abernethy, of Chapel Hill and Dr. Chapin of Pittsboro, are at Pace's Mill attending the victims who are being cared for in the homes of neighbors. All of the victims of the disaster were white farmers operating small farms.

### Tornado Injures Score People In Martin County.

Robersonville, April 30.—Injury of a score or more persons and damage estimated at three-quarters of a million dollars was done by a tornado that swept through Martin and Bertie counties this afternoon about three o'clock.

The storm struck near Flat Swamp Primitive Baptist church on the Pitt county line, blowing down that structure, and moved in a northeasterly direction, passing on the southern edge of this place, and barely missing Everetts. The last accounts indicated a path of no less than fifteen miles in length traversed by the storm while the width of the path was between three and four hundred yards.

It is known that a score or more were seriously injured and it is feared tonight that there are many without homes in the devastated district.

## TO THE PEOPLE OF PERSON COUNTY.

Last summer, acting on information which we believed at that time to be correct, we made certain demands on Sheriff J. Melvin Long. Since that time we have found that a great part of these charges were not founded on fact and that common gossip and rumor had led the public mind to believe many things which were not true and which have been proved untrue since the time of the action which we took. With no desire to enter into the present fight for the nomination by the Democratic party of a candidate for sheriff of this county, but merely in a desire to serve Mr. Long with justice and right, we wish to make the foregoing statement and to state further that so far as our connection with Mr. Long has been concerned that he has always discharged the duties of the sheriff's office with diligence and ability. In fairness to Sheriff Long this statement will be given the same publicity that was given to our action of last summer. Mr. D. M. Cash took no part in our former action.

This 5th day of May, 1924.  
Board of Commissioners Person County.

Signed:  
W. H. Harris  
B. F. Hester.

### LEGAL HOLIDAY

SATURDAY, MAY 10th, 1924

Being

### MEMORIAL DAY

no business will be transacted by the banks of this city on that day.

### THE PEOPLES BANK

### THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

### BUSHY FORK COMMENCEMENT.

The public is invited to attend the commencement exercises at Bushy Fork High School.

Saturday Evening 7:30 o'clock.

Operettas:

"The Fairy Rose".

"Let's Go Travelling".

"The Gypsy Festival".

Sunday afternoon, 4:00 o'clock.

Rev. H. E. Spence, (Head of the Biblical Department at Trinity College.)

Monday Evening, 8 o'clock, Senior Play—"Kempy."

Admission 20 and 35 cents.

Tuesday Evening 8 o'clock. Recitation and Declamation Contest.

Pantomime: "Lotus Easters."

Wednesday Evening, 8 o'clock.

Commencement Address by Dr. W. T. Laprade.

Graduating Exercise.

### DEATH OF D. M. ANDREWS.

Mr. D. M. Andrews died very suddenly at his residence on Depot St. last Wednesday night at ten o'clock. Mr. Andrews was a native of Graham, N. C. but moved to this place when a young man. He had been very successful in business, leaving an estate which is estimated to be worth a hundred thousand dollars.

The funeral services were conducted at the home by his pastor, Rev. W. O. Sample of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. F. M. Shamburger of the Methodist Church. The floral offerings were handsome and pretty, and a large crowd of friends accompanied the body to the cemetery.

He is survived by a widow, one son, Ralph of Washington, D. C., a brother, Joe Andrews of Asheville, N. C., two sisters, Mesdames Holt of Graham and Heritage of Washington, D. C. and a number of grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hailey, Mrs. Baucum and Miss Mattie Morton spent Sunday in Clarksville, Va. visiting Mr. Hailey's sister, Mrs. Vaughn.

Miss Belle Covington of route 3, is visiting relatives here.

It is reported that one or more negroes are missing but so far as known there are no dead.

The tornado struck a negro Baptist church here and blew it down. Several residences were also blown down, including those of M. T. Leggett, J. Hyman Wynne, and Lee House in the vicinity of Robersonville.

Among the injured are: Mrs. Reuben Whitehurst, broken back and internal injuries which physicians believe will prove fatal; M. T. Leggett, broken leg and internal injuries; Mr. and Mrs. J. Hyman Wynne and members of their family.

## OLIVE HILL HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

The commencement exercises of Olive Hill High School began Friday evening at 8 o'clock with the crowning of the May Queen on the school lawn. The fete was directed by Miss Stephens and Miss Hayes and the participants were members of the primary and grammar grades. Rachael Stephens, the Lilliputian Queen, held court in a most majestic way while ladies-in-waiting and courtiers danced and sang. After the crowning of the Maypole, the exercises were continued in the school auditorium. A negro Minstrel which was directed by Mrs. Mangum and Miss Collins was the entertainment of the evening. The usual jokes interspersed with solos, duets, banjo, guitar and ukulele selections; clog dances, and readings were enjoyed by all. Bits of local color here and there added to the enjoyment of those present.

Saturday evening the play, Pollyanna, based on the novel by Eleanor H. Porter was presented by the following cast:

(Of the Ladies' Aid) Mrs. Carmody (Miss Carroll) Mrs. Gregg (Grace Tillman) Norma Carver (Louise Dunkley) Nancy, Miss Polly's servant (Elizabeth Thompson) Miss Polly Harrington, Pollyanna's aunt (Ida Crowder) Pollyanna Whittier, "The Glad Girl" (Emily Stephens)

By Themselves

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Jimmy Bean, an orphan (age 12 years)

James Winstead

John Pendleton, Esq., a bachelor

John Winstead

Bleeker, Pendleton's man

Charlie Howard

Dr. Chilton, Pendleton's friend

Jeffrey Boyd

Jimmy Bean (age 17 years)

Lewis Wagstaff

One of the commencement speakers was present and pronounced the play far superior to the usual amateur performance because of the ease and lack of affectation with which the various roles were presented. Miss Thompson and Mrs. Emory Winstead coached the play.

Between the acts Rev. B. C. Thompson presented certificates of attendance to Stephens Dickens of the First Grade and William Terrell of the Second Grade, these pupils having neither been absent nor tardy throughout the year. Special certificates were presented to Eugenia Howard of the Eighth Grade and Elizabeth Thompson of the Tenth Grade, these pupils having been neither absent nor tardy for three consecutive school years. Several pupils failed to receive these certificates because of absence during the first days of school or tardiness one day. Elizabeth Barnette, having completed the prescribed drills received a pupils' certificate in penmanship. Certificates for improvement in penmanship were presented to Frances Morton, Rachael Stephens and Grace Tillman. Progress pins for completing one hundred drills in penmanship were received by Elizabeth Barnette, Delma Dixon, Frances Morton, Rachael Stephens, Grace Tillman, Johnny Tillman and Drusilla Winstead.

The Sunday services were very interesting, the baccalaureate sermon was by Dr. H. E. Spence, of Trinity College, and he used for his topic, "Want, Work, Watch, and Wait". This address was handled in a delightful manner and was of a very strong and clear nature.

Mr. J. W. Noell introduced Dr. R. Vann of Raleigh to a large afternoon audience. The subject for this address was of an educational nature, and proved exceedingly interesting and instructive. The music for both services were in charge of Mrs. Emory Winstead.

These exercises brought to a close the most successful year in the brief history of Olive Hill High School.

### MR. HAILEY RESIGNS.

Mr. J. S. Hailey who has been Supt. of the city water department for a number of years has tendered his resignation. He will go back into the street contracting business and will be engaged on a job of this nature for several months in Benson, N. C. Mr. Hailey is a very competent man and we regret to see him leave. For the present his family will remain here.

## NEEDED CHANGES IN OUR TAX SYSTEM

The Only Way to Relieve Land of the Ever-Increasing Burden.

(Excerpt From a Speech by JOSIAH W. BAILEY At Raleigh, April 16, 1924)

My opponent, in a speech before the Democratic County Convention, Sampson County, April 12th (5 days before the State Convention), undertook a defense of the present tax system in this State—same being printed in the papers for April 12th; in the course of this speech, he made the following statement:

"Have those who are criticizing the general system of taxation now in operation in the State any better system to propose? Do they want to return to the old system whereby land and personal property are assessed for taxation and taxes levied thereon by the State authorities at Raleigh? If that is the purpose they have in view, let them state it frankly, in order that the people may understand the real basis of criticism."

The foregoing statement can have but one meaning: It is a challenge to me to state frankly my views as to a better system of taxation. Here is my opponent's language: "Have those who are criticizing the general system of taxation now in operation in the State any better system to propose?"

It is well-known that I am one of those who are criticizing the general system of taxation. I do not want to return to the old system. I have a better system to propose; and my proposals are in the nature of amendments and modifications of the present system, as follows:

1. I propose the repeal of the Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, exempting from taxation more than \$115,000.00 worth of shares of stock in foreign corporations held in this State. This one act had the effect of throwing upon land an additional burden of between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000.

Note that I am speaking of foreign corporations like Standard Oil, U. S. Steel, Sinclair Oil, etc.—not domestic corporations.

My opponent has been silent on this subject so far.

2. I propose that franchise taxes upon railroad corporations shall be increased. These franchise-taxes are now only 1-10 of 1 per cent upon the appraised value of their capital invested in the State—the same as paid by every other corporation; I hold that the railroads are specially-favored

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### LEST WE FORGET.

NEXT Sunday, May 11th is our Annual Cemetery Flower Day. Shall we not pay glad tribute to our dead? What better way can we express our respect than by joining together on this day in placing our flower tokens on their graves? Hattie E. Burch, Cemetery Commissioner.

### BIDS ASKED FOR

### "NEW STATION."

Mr. G. C. Cabiness, our popular and accommodating station agent gives us the interesting and welcome news that bids for the erection of the new station here have been asked for. He says the plans are all complete and very soon Roxboro will have a station which will be the pride of the town.

### MUCH INTEREST IN MEETING.

The meeting in the Methodist Church is beginning with fine singing, fine preaching, profound interest and large congregations attending. Services every morning at 8 o'clock and in the evening at 7:45. Come one, Come all.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

### ENJOY OUTING.

The members of the Sunday School Classes of Mrs. Margaret Teague and Mr. F. O. Carver of the Methodist Church, spent the day in Raleigh last Saturday. The day was delightfully spent in a visit to the Methodist Orphanage there and one of the children of the home returned with them in the afternoon. This child is supported and cared for by the members of Mrs. Teague's class.

## "COTTON ONLY COMMODITY NOT OVER-PRODUCED"

Commerce Department and Statistical experts advise this country is over-produced in practically every manufactured article and farm product with the single exception of Cotton. Better Be Safe Than Sorry.

Four Farmers who are so desperately in love with your tobacco will probably wish, when you see other farmers hauling in Cotton to this market next fall and receiving good prices for it, that you had planted some Cotton too. Give this matter of planting some Cotton careful thought, it is conceded by all who know the facts that the work required is 1-3 less than for Tobacco, you will have two crops that will bring you the cash instead of one. Look at your Caswell neighbors, some of them have deserted Tobacco entirely and plant all Cotton. Don't be a coward and say the reason for not planting is because you know nothing about it, you can learn how and you might as well begin this year and not wait until next. Mr. Blackwell, the county agent from Greenville County will be here at intervals through the season to assist you and give you the benefit of any information he has regarding Cotton. Get your seed from local dealers and make ready to plant a reasonable amount in Cotton this year.

Cotton Seed for sale at Winstead Warehouse. The best grade of cotton seed can be found here. See W. F. Long.

### LONGHURST SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 10, 2 p. m. Field Day Exercises.

Sunday, May 11, 11 a. m. Mother's Day Services.

Monday, May 12, 8 p. m. Exercises by Primary Grades.

Tuesday, May 13, 8 p. m. Exercises by Grammar Grades.

### FOSTER LOCAL

Next meeting of the Foster Local will be held at the colored school near Fogleman's store on Saturday, May 10 at 6:30 p. m. Every member urged to attend.

S. E. Peed, Chairman.

A. B. O'Brian, Sec.

### ALLENSVILLE COMMENCEMENT.

Saturday May 10, 8 p. m. Musical Recital.

Sunday May 11th.

11 a. m. Sermon. Rev. H. E. Spence.

P. M.—Address, Dr. W. A. Harper.

Monday, May 12—8 p. m. Recitation and Declamation Contest.

Public invited.

### NOTICE OF SERVICES.

I will be at Mitchell's Chapel next Sunday and hold service at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m. Hope we may have a good attendance. Public cordially invited.

W. O. Sample.

### HELENA COMMENCEMENT.

Sunday May 11th, 3 p. m. Sermon.

Rev. W. W. Peele.

Wednesday evening, May 14th, 8 p. m. Graduating Address by Prof. W. J. Matherly.

Thursday evening, May 15th, 8 p. m. Operetta, The Maid of the Golden Slipper. Admission 35 cents for adults and 20c for children who do not attend school.

Friday evening, May 16th, 8 p. m. Play, "Mary's Millions", no admission will be charged.

### NOTICE

The Republican County Convention is hereby called to meet at the Court House in Roxboro, on Saturday May 17th, 1924, at 3 o'clock P. M. The voters will meet at their polling precincts, on Saturday May 10th, at two o'clock P. M. and organize; electing a precinct committee of three select a member to serve as county executive committeeman, and elect delegates to the county Convention to be held on the 17th, let every Voter interested in good Government do their duty.

R. A. Burch, Chm.

C. C. Garrett, Sec.

Miss Noma Rogers returned Tuesday from Willow Springs, where she has been teaching.



The Pleasure Club met with Mrs. I. O. Wilkerson on Friday afternoon. The living rooms and hall were pretty with many baskets of white spirea and other spring flowers. The place cards were miniature pink rose buds tied with tulle, further emphasizing the color scheme of pink and white. Boston Book was played at eight tables and many interesting games were enjoyed. The hostess assisted by Miss Annie Clayton and Mrs. T. C. Bradsher served a salad course with boiled ham, hat rolls, and ice tea to the following guests: Mesdames R. H. Oakley, Joe Blanks, B. G. Clayton, R. M. Spencer, Landon Bradsher, E. E. Thomas, T. C. Bradsher, Reid Jones, W. H. and B. D. Newell, B. A. Thaxton, T. B. Woodf, Edwin Eberman, W. R. Woody, J. D. K. Richmond, W. F. Long, E. G. Long, W. C. Bullock, Sallie Morris, J. W. Noell, W. S. Clary, Jr., Frank Wilson, J. J. Winstead, Ned Leper and Misses Ruth Newton, Annie and Bertha Clayton, Celia Daniel, Mary Harris, Edna Bradsher, Elizabeth Noell and Lucile Pierce.

The usual meeting of the Review Club met on Saturday afternoon with Mrs. R. E. White. Lovely spring flowers arranged tastefully were used in attractive manner in the rooms. The members responded to their name with favorite poets. After the minutes were read of the last meeting, the nominating committee made their report. The following officers for the coming year were elected: President, Mrs. T. B. Woody, Vice-President Mrs. Edwin Eberman and Sec. and Treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Davis. Mrs. E. E. Bradsher led the lesson review, American Poets, and at the close of the lesson, Mrs. T. B. Woody read a selection from Mark Twain. The guests were then invited into the dining room, where from daintily appointed tables, a deliciousiced course, with nuts, candies and coffee were served. The candy was in pretty yellow baskets.

Little Miss Marie Spencer was hostess to about twenty-five of her little friends on Tuesday afternoon when she celebrated her fifth birthday. The little folks played various games, after which they were taken into the dining room, and served ice cream and cake. The table was prettily decorated with sweet peas, and in the center was the birthday cake with its five candles. The little hostess was the recipient of many pretty gifts from her friends.

### BETHEL HILL HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

Bethel Hill High School was a decided success in every particular. We were not able to be present on Friday night to enjoy the Operetta, "The Windmills of Holland", but we hear on all sides that it was not only very enjoyable and attractive, but the singing was good,—unusual in these school operettas. The Class Day Exercises given on Saturday afternoon by the seven graduates was most excellent and would do credit to a college. The High School Play, "Out of Court", given on Saturday night, is a fine play and was admirably rendered. This was pay night and an exceedingly large crowd greeted the play, the large auditorium being filled.

Good taste was shown in the choosing of the plays, in the stage settings, and decorations, but especial delight was given by the addition of the lovely and attractive curtain, which is a delight to see and to possess.

On Sunday morning Dr. C. L. Greaves of Raleigh, who received his college preparation at Bethel Hill Institute, preached a masterly sermon on the different periods of Josiah's life. He was greeted by a household who were glad to see him again and hear him preach such a splendid sermon. In the afternoon, Dr. J. Henry Highsmith of the State Educational Department at Raleigh, closed the commencement exercises with a great address. He took as his main thought the idea of every student choosing an aim in life and striving to reach that aim. He should take stock of himself—his physical, his mental and his moral equipment and take for his calling an aim or vocation that can be met by such an equipment as he can bring to it.