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## TERRIFIC TORNADO TAKES HEAVY TOLL

ESTIMATED 1,000 DEAD, 3,000 INJURED

Most Devastating Storm Nation Has Ever Experienced Cuts Path Of Destruction Through Six States.

Chicago, March 20.—The most devastating storm this country has experienced swept through portions of five Middle Western States Wednesday evening, collected a dead and injured toll, estimated at upward of 4,000 and caused property damage of many millions.

So prostrated were portions of Illinois and Indiana through which the tornado travelled in a series of erratic hops that definite figures on loss of life and property were impossible early today, although available reports trickling in from territories where communication virtually was cut off, added to an uncertain equality list.

At dawn, the reported death list stood at nearly 1,000 while approximately at Annapolis, Mo., virtually several towns in the path of the twister, which apparently came out of the Ozark hills, due to low barometric pressure in Arkansas and first struck at Annapolis, Mo., virtually were destroyed, while fire in many places added to havoc.

So terrific was the force of the storm that bodies were reported carried a mile, while timbers from the wrecked town of Desoto, Illinois, were found in Duquoin, fifteen miles away.

Illinois Hard Hit  
The greatest loss of life, according to available reports, occurred in southern Illinois, where more than 500 were reported killed as the tornado tore northeastward through Murphysboro, West Frankfort, Desoto and other larger towns of the area.

School Wrecked  
At Desoto, Ill., a school-house was razed and only three of the 250 occupants reported escaping without injuries, while 88 bodies had been taken from the ruins last night. The main path of the tornado was less than 200 miles in length, but divisions of the twister hopped off in several directions. Starting from Annapolis the storm moved northeast and after striking two other towns on the Missouri side of the Mississippi River, jumped into Illinois, traversed that State, divided near the Indiana State line and spent its force in southern Indiana and northern Kentucky.

Rushing Relief  
While details of the desolation left by the storm came in on crippled lines of communication, relief was rushed into the stricken area from many nearby towns.

Relief workmen, doctors, nurses, medicine and supplies were despatched immediately from St. Louis, Chicago and other points. Troops were rushed into the district in Illinois on orders of Governor Len Small, who also issued an appeal for aid.

### 132 BODIES FOUND

Murphysboro, Ill., March 19.—One hundred and fifty-two bodies have already been recovered here, from 100 to 150 are believed to be in the region and 250 persons are in emergency hospitals suffering from serious injuries, according to a provisional compilation made here this morning.

### 120 BODIES RECOVERED

West Frankfort, Ill., March 19.—(By The Associated Press.)—Early this morning 102 bodies had been extracted from buildings wrecked here in yesterday's tornado and more than 200 seriously injured had been taken to hospitals, 250 buildings were leveled and Sheriff Doris estimated the property loss at more than \$2,000,000.

### AT LEASBURG SCHOOL

On Thursday night, March 26th, at 7:30, there will be a pageant mine, "Good Creek Cantabile," given at Leasburg. Admission 25 and 35 cents. Come, everybody.

## GOOD BYE "SHAKERAG"

Not many years since there was a section in this County known as "Shakerag," and the community composing it well and truly represented the name. The homes were small and scattering, and nowhere could anything be found resembling prosperity, in fact about the only business which thrived in that section was down on the branch, purposely out of sight, no roads to speak of, and churches and school houses few and far between. But what a revelation today! Last Sunday we drove through that section and what an improvement greeted us all along the way. The top soil road had been completed to the Granville county line, and it is one of the prettiest roads we have ever traveled over, new homes, the bungalow style, going up, new store buildings and of course the filling stations. Just as you approach Surl, once known as the capitol of Shakerag, we find our friend Mr. W. A. Eanes, has erected a large well appointed store house, with a bungalow hard by which would be a credit to our little city, all neatly painted and everything giving tone to prosperity. Just beyond, some one has erected another bungalow which is equally as attractive save for lack of paint, and so it is from there on, new bungalows, large and convenient stables, everything denying the cry of hard times.

And what did it? Good roads, now these good people get together and build a high school building to take care of the boys and girls and there will be no more prosperous section in the County than what was looked down upon only a few years since, and considered the dark corner.

## MILL CREEK CHURCH

The Workers Council of Mill Creek Church met at Mr. J. Larkin Gentry's March 19, 1925. The service began with a song, "Up from the Grave He Arose," and a prayer by Rev. N. J. Todd. Then the business session was held during which several idioms were discussed. We then enjoyed several interesting remarks which were brought out by Mr. Todd, of which were the following:

Mill Creek members must wake up and be doing while it is day, for we can not do today what we left undone yesterday. But we can do today the task for today and it will make tomorrow's task easy done. Some people think that the financial business is the hardest task of a church, but they have the wrong idea. We will make it the hardest task if we consider it most important. The financial business should become secondary matters in the church, for you have to win the man and then the money.

The chief function of a church in a community is to be a soul winning institution. But first each member should be trained to do this work. How? Through the Sunday School and the B. Y. P. U. But what does the Sunday School need to train them? It needs the church to get behind the Sunday School and make it a live and real school. The church should provide sufficient equipment.

The B. Y. P. U. must have the church to help it on. So we Mill Creek members, let us attend the Workers Council, Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., preaching and prayer services and do our duty so that we may hope to do a great work for our Lord. Our services are needed. There are people today who do not pay any attention whatever to the Lord's work and are not Christians. Why? Because church members have not carried the message to them and aided them in discovering themselves. Let us do our part and attend our church services and prepare or the work that is for today and tomorrow.

## THE SEASON'S BEST

Frank Newman's "Fashion Plate Revue" which comes to the Palace Theatre Thursday, Friday, Saturday March 26-27-28th, is a show brim full of specialties. Mr. Newman's show is noted for its beautiful wardrobe and scenery. This company comes to us after a week's run in Durham, N. C. where they have set New records for the Southern Amusement Co. and has been inspected by the management of this theatre, we feel confident that the show will meet with your worthy approval and stand for its three day engagement.

## ALL ABOARD -- A SNAPPY COMEDY

AMERICAN LEGION TO GIVE SNAPPY MUSICAL COMEDY

One of the Very Best of the John B. Rogers Producing Company. Don't Miss It, Friday, April 3rd.

Mrs. W. S. Clary, Jr., Mrs. I. O. Wilkerson, Mr. W. G. Miller and Mr. R. P. Burns are the members of the Committee in charge of the rehearsing, tickets and Caste of the American Legions Annual Musical Comedy. The Director, Mr. John W. Judd of the John B. Rogers Producing Company arrived in town last week with part books and music and rehearsals are being conducted in the Theater every afternoon and at the school building every night.

All Aboard is the name of the show to be offered this year. The entire plot is laid on the deck of the S. S. Florida on a trip to Bermuda and if those who have already heard the lines and witnessed the rehearsals are to be relied upon to judge, it is the funniest play that has ever been attempted in Roxboro.

The Committee have tried to get All Aboard before, but it is such a very popular comedy that the Producing Company were unable to send out a Director until this time.

An unusually clever Cast has been chosen as follows:

Johnny Thomas, Wallace White who is in love with  
Dorothy Sloan, Miss Ethel White who is on board with her Mother Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. Carl Bradsher who makes things difficult for Alexander C. Phone, Wallace Woods a human truck who argues with Billy Brady, Worth Walker also in love with  
Dorothy Brady, Miss Helen White his sister, who are passengers with Capt. Kidd, Merzimon Burns of the S. S. Florida who has  
Jenny, Miss Irvin a stewardess with Swedish ideas, also Barney Kehl, Chas. Harris and Bull Works, James Broadhead two sailors under his command.

All Aboard will be given afternoon and evening of April 3 at the Palace Theater.

## SCHOOL NOTES

In grading the examination papers, giving the daily grade, teachers will please put the grades on each paper in figures, not numbers. It is impossible to get two thirds of a grade. Also I would be glad for the teacher to grade the examination paper.

These papers need the supervision of the teachers, and in doing so they will please grade each paper. Make a distinction between daily grade and examination grade.

The group commencements given by the colored schools have been largely attended and have proven quite successful. Miss Hoover, now Mrs. Pittman, is to be congratulated on the splendid work done by her in this county. She will be with us another year, and it is her ambition to abolish every log school house in the county. I bespeak for her the hearty co-operation of every one who loves Person County and desires to see her progress.

As the schools are closing, I want the teachers to see that full 120 days have been taught, and all details attended to before bringing vouchers.

MRS. J. A. BEAM

## DEDICATION OF HURDLE MILLS H. C. BUILDING

The new Hurdle Mills school building has just been completed and the dedication service will take place on Friday, April 3rd. The service will begin with an address delivered by Supt. A. T. Allen. Dinner will be served on the grounds at 2 P. M. Major L. P. McLendon will speak with "Problems of Community Life" as his subject. Talks will be made by members of the Board of Education, the County Superintendent, Dr. J. I. Coleman and others.

Graduating exercises will be held Saturday at 8 P. M. and on Sunday at 10 A. M. Rev. D. K. Barnard of Calvary Methodist Church, Durham, will deliver the commencement sermon.

## TOBACCO CO-OPS SQON MOBILIZE

To Hold Mass Meetings At All County Seats Saturday April 4.

Members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association will take the first steps in the election of their directors for 1925 on Saturday, April 4. Mass meetings of the organized tobacco farmers will be held at the Court Houses of all important tobacco growing counties in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina on that day.

At these meetings members of the Association will nominate the delegates to vote in the election of their directors for another year. Shortly after these meetings, ballots containing the names of these electoral nominees will be mailed to all members of the Association who are authorized to select half of the names on the ballots or to insert new names in accordance with the desire of each individual member. The final casting of the ballots will take place on May 9th, and each member is instructed to mail or bring his ballot to the Court House of his county seat, by noon of that day.

## A LETTER OF THANKS

Mr. Editor:  
Will you please give me space in your paper to say a few words in regard to my treatment at the N. C. Orthopaedic Hospital at Gastonia. I think they are doing a great work for cripple children. That is one way this State is putting its money to a great advantage to help humanity. I went there Nov. 11th, 1924, with a club foot, and returned Feb. 4th, 1925, with my foot straight, and now it looks like any other persons foot. I was there only two months, three weeks and two days. It does not seem possible in that length of time that so much could have been accomplished.

I wish to say to all parents who are thinking of sending children there to rest assured they will be well taken care of, and all done for them that can be done. The nurses are very nice and kind to children. I wish to thank Mrs. Smith and Miss Bessie Daniel for all their efforts in helping to get me in, and to all those who remembered me with letters, postal cards and presents. I certainly thank every one for their thoughtfulness and kindnesses. To Mr. Zion Church and different organizations which aided me in going I wish to say their help was highly appreciated. May God bless each and every one.—Iva J. Neathery.

## A MYSTERY.

The comedy drama entitled "Anne What's Her Name?" will be presented by the senior class of the Helena High School at Bethel Hill High School on March 28, 1925, Saturday, at 7:30 P. M. This play was given at Helena on March 20th and was considered by many as the best play ever given there. Public cordially invited, Admission 25 and 35 cents.

## HUBERTS MYSTERY SHOWS

Coming to the Helena High School five nights of Hubert's Mystery Shows, beginning with Tuesday night, March 31st and ending Saturday night April 4th. There will be an entire change of program each night. The programs include moving pictures, high grade vaudeville, slight-of-hand performances. Mr. Hubert played at the Bahama High School, as well as at many other local schools and he comes to Helena very highly recommended. The programs will begin at 7:30 and the admission is 15 cents for children under 12 years of age, and 25 cents for all above 12 years. The public is cordially invited.

## DEATH OF MR. J. A. BICKFORD

Mr. J. A. Bickford died at his home in Lockaver, Pa., last Friday and was buried Sunday. Mr. Bickford was the father of Mrs. J. A. Long, who was called to his bedside about two weeks ago, and Mr. J. A. Long, who had been with him for the past few days, returned home Monday night.

## THE FASHION PLATE REVUE

is noted for their beautiful wardrobe and scenery, playing at Palace Theatre, Thursday, Friday, Saturday this week.

## Society

Little Miss Ernestine Wilkerson celebrated her ninth birthday Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wilkerson, South Roxboro. A number of her school mates were present. Refreshments were served in the dining room which was decorated a color scheme of pink and white. The large birthday cake was adorned with nine candles. Those present included Elvora Raiff, Nancy Bullock, Ann Watkins, Christal Gates, Elizabeth Pulliam, Margie Stanfield, Pattie Daniel, Lissette Allgood, Nora O'Brian, Ida Winstead, Edwin Hamlin and James Garrett.

Mrs. Ed. Hill entertained The Bridge Club Wednesday afternoon and also in honor of her house guests Mrs. Becker and Miss Susie Ann Becker of Newark, N. J. The guests were welcomed by the hostess and shown to the living room where three tables were placed for bridge. Many beautiful flowers were arranged in bowls and baskets. The hostess assisted by Mesdames W. R. Woody and E. V. Boatwright served a delicious ice course with coffee. Attractive baskets filled with green and white candy carrying out St. Patrick ideas were given as favors.

The Review Club met with Mrs. H. L. Crowell on Thursday afternoon and Mesdames A. R. Warren and T. B. Wood led the discussions for the afternoon. The first paper presented was "Francis Scott Key," and the second an "Alexander B. Meek and Edward Coote Pinkey."

After the lesson hour the hostess served a delightful course of refreshments carrying out the Shamrock idea in them, and gave to each one present a tiny green basket filled with white mints.

Mrs. J. H. Pass was hostess to the Mesdames R. H. Gates, J. A. Beam and B. G. Clayton presented papers at the Study Club on Thursday afternoon relative to the general subject which was "Spirit of Humanity." Several visitors in addition to the regular members were present and a salad course with accessories was served.

## ROXBORO TOWN BONDS

BRING PREMIUM \$75,000.00 Worth of Bonds Bring A Premium of \$412.00.

Yesterday the bonds of Roxboro amounting to \$75,000.00 for the purpose of building a school building was sold to Mess. Drake, Jones & Co., of Greensboro, the issue bringing \$75,412.00, the premium being \$412.00 for 5 per cent bonds. This is a remarkably good price and shows how well thought of Roxboro is by the bond buyers. There were twenty three bids.

## FULL PENALTY GOES ON

Full penalty goes on the 1924 taxes after this week. Please come forward and pay your tax and save this penalty.

## JOE H. CARVER LOSES GARAGE AND STABLE

Fire starting about 11:30 o'clock this morning completely destroyed the garage, stable and other out-buildings of Mr. Joe H. Carver, on Reams Ave. The fire was supposed to have started from a short circuit in Mr. Carver's Chevrolet automobile, as just before the flames were first seen, the horn was heard continually blowing. The machine was destroyed as were several other pieces of farm machinery. Owing to the direction of the wind, neither of the adjacent residences were damaged.

## MUSIC RECITAL

The music class taught by Mrs. Emory Winstead at Olive Hill High School will appear in recital on Tuesday evening, March 31st, at 7:30 o'clock, in the school auditorium. Mrs. Winstead will be assisted by Miss Hazel Thompson and Miss Musette Winstead. The public is cordially invited to attend the recital.

## ENTERTAINMENT AT HURDLE MILLS H. S.

On Wednesday, March 30, the new Hurdle Mills school building will throw open its doors to the public for the first time when an entertainment will be given by Wallace the Magician, for the benefit of the school. Every one has heard of Wallace the Magician, and he has furnished amusement and laughter for thousands of people all over the United States. Since his last visit to our part of the country Wallace has added many new and fascinating tricks to his repertoire, and Monday night he will appear at his best with a performance even more pleasing than ever.

In Wallace's last trick his cage full of live birds and rabbits and a beautiful lamp all disappear in the twinkling of an eye. The tables upon which they were placed are then taken apart for examination, and not a trace of the pretty birds can be seen.

You will be mystified, tickled, thrilled, charmed and made happy in the hour and a half that Wallace is before you.

## NOTICE

There will be an all day service at Concord next Sunday, Dinner on the ground. Not a picnic. In the forenoon there is to be a pageant by the Sr. Epworth League. In the afternoon there are to be several short speeches on phases of the S. S. work. Mr. L. L. Gobbel of Durham, and Rev. F. M. Shamburger of Roxboro and others will speak during the day. All serious minded people invited.—THE PASTOR.

## HURDLE MILLS H. S. BUILDING

The other afternoon we rode out in the Hurdle Mills section and took a look at the new school building which is nearing completion. This building is an honor to this progressive community and will mean much in the future. When the question of a school building was first agitated there was considerable opposition, but the bond issue was carried and if not now, in a very short while every one will be proud of the fact that the bonds were voted. It will mean a little more tax, of course, but when compared with results the tax will sink into insignificance. We congratulate the progressive citizens.

## TAKE NOTICE TAX PAYER.

This is the last week—your property will be advertised April 1st. The County Commissioners say COLLECT and I must do so. Hoping to give you a receipt before this is done, I am yours truly,  
N. V. BROOKS, Sheriff.

## FRANK NEWMAN'S "FASHION PLATE REVUE" with 12—People at Palace Theatre, Thursday—Friday Saturday this week.

## SPECIAL PROGRAM IN THE BAPTIST S. S.

Next Sunday will be observed as Missionary Day in the Baptist Sunday School. A special program of music and recitations by the children will be presented and the offering will be for Home and Foreign Missions. The Sunday School is increasing rapidly in attendance and interest. Be sure to come next Sunday.  
R. E. WHITE, Pastor.

## ANNOUNCEMENT EPHEBUS CLEMENT FIELD

The special 5th Sunday meeting will be held at Ephesus church March 29. A very interesting program is arranged. Two services morning and afternoon, with dinner on the grounds. A large representation is expected. The members of Ephesus want you to come, to feel at home, to meet with your neighbors and friends and enjoy the day of fellowship. Shake hands with some stranger.  
J. V. COGGINS, Pastor.

## The Mathew Sisters (Just off Keigh Time) (Acrobatic Dancers)

will be assisted by Miss Hazel Thompson and Miss Musette Winstead. The public is cordially invited to attend the recital.

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