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STATE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE HAS BIG FIRE

Flames Devour West Wing of 70-Year-Old Main Building On Dix Hill at Raleigh

NO LIVES WERE LOST

Raleigh, April 10.—Fire of undetermined origin wrecked the west wing of the main building of the state hospital for the insane here this afternoon and entailed a loss of a half million dollars, but according to the best check officials were in a position to make tonight no lives were lost. The building is 70 years old.

Four hundred male patients were safely removed from their wards in the burning wing through the heroic work of physicians, nurses and attendants; and from a wired enclosure a hundred yards away chatted idly, hawking the crowds or looked on with uncertain amazement while the flames gutted their quarters. Six hundred female patients occupying the east wing, which was threatened for a time, were removed to an open field of pines and kept under guard of nurses while the furniture and bed clothing was hastily dumped from windows.

The fire, which was discovered about 12:15 o'clock, was under control at six.

In State Prison.

Tonight the male patients, except for the sick, were quartered at state prison. Attendants were able to re-furnish the east wing sufficiently to accommodate the women. Some 75 of the men, ill were taken to local hospitals.

Dr. Albert Anderson, superintendent, and other officials, were engaged late tonight in a recheck of female patients to make certain that no lives had been lost. A nurse told newspaper men while the fire was at its height that two men were believed to have burned to death in the fourth ward, where the fire.

DEATH OF MR. J. W. NOELL

Leading Citizen of Mt. Tirzah, 70 Years Prominent Citizen.

Mr. J. W. Noell of Mt. Tirzah died at his home last Sunday night. He had been in declining health for some time and his death was not unexpected. For many years Mr. Noell served as a member of the County School Board and was recognized as one of the strong men of the County. He was a son of the late Mr. W. T. Noell, who was one of the most prominent men of the County.

Besides his wife, who is a daughter of Hon. Wash. F. Reade, he leaves several children, two brothers and two sisters. The funeral took place at the home yesterday evening, and the burial was at Mt. Tirzah Methodist church, of which he was a faithful and devoted member.

Not only his immediate family and numerous relatives, but the entire community and County will regret the departure of this good man, for he was indeed "a friend to man."

AN UNDERGROUND STILL

One day last week Sheriff Brooks received a tip that a still was at work a few miles west of town and with deputies Clayton, Gentry and Oliver went out to the old Mac Humphries place and began search. They noticed trees had been planted in the path and their suspicions were aroused. They followed this path, pulling up the trees as they went along and when they reached the end of the row of trees they noticed a pile of brush, which upon moving they found a dug-out about eight feet square and seven feet deep, and in this pit they found a still of about fifty gallons capacity in full blast. The outfit consisted of the 50 gallon still, three tin tabs, a copper worm and wooden cap.

The officers lost not time in going from the still to Humphries home, which was only a few steps away. Jim put up a fight to escape, and attempted to knock a flashlight out of Gentry's hand. But his fight resulted in his hands being bound together with iron chains. Sheriff Brooks states that Jim offered to give him \$1,000 to turn him loose.

All Aboard for the North Pole



Commander Byrd is on his way to Spitzbergen, up near the Arctic Circle from where he will hop off by aeroplane for the North Pole. Among the famous personages who bid the explorer "Good Luck" was John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

BUTLER SUFFERS DEFEAT IN NEW CONTEST DEAL

Rotarians Beat Roxboro High

It matters not that the weather is cold, and the rain disagreeable, spring is here. The ball players were out in full force last Saturday and everything is set for spring and summer.

Friday April 9th, the Roxboro High School boys journeyed over to our neighboring city, Oxford, and received a trouncing at the hands of the Oxford boys. The score follows:

Score by innings:
Oxford 2 1 0 2 5 1—Total 11
Roxboro 0 0 1 0 0 3 2—Total 6
Batteries: Oxford, Hill and Averette; Roxboro, Richmond, Hobgood, Davis, Allgood.

Saturday the Rotarians took on the Roxboro High School. The Rotarians were champions of this section last year, and the first dose was given the high school this year, with the following score:

Score by innings:
Rotarians 2 2 2 0 2—Total 8
High School 0 0 0 3 0 0—Total 3
Batteries: Rotarians, Hill, Bradsher, High School, Davis and Richmond; Owing to a game with Hurdle Mill many of the second team of the High School was used in this game.

The next game was between the Roxboro High School and Hurdle Mills High School, which resulted in a close score for Roxboro High School. The score was as follows:

Score by innings:
Roxboro 2 7 2 3 2 0—Total 15
Hurdle Mills 0 1 3 5 0 2 2—Total 13
Batteries: Roxboro, Oakley and Hobgood, Richmond, Hurdle Mills, Long and Rimmer.

The boys are doing fine. Come and see them play.

REV. MR. WEST CALLED TO MOTHERS BEDSIDE

Rev. W. F. West, pastor of the First Baptist church, was called by telegram Monday morning to his stepmother's bedside in Chambersburg, Pa. A message was received from him stating that she died yesterday morning. The sympathy of all Roxboro goes out to Mr. West in this sad hour.

DOING THEIR BIT

Mass. Sergeant & Clayton, the "Stay-Klean" store folks, are very much interested in seeing the farmers get more largely in the chicken business. They have secured the line of chicken foods, Purina Startena and Chick Chow, and if you want to see old hens get busy and produce the eggs, or the young biddies hump, just try these foods.

MR. S. H. JONES IS ILL

Mr. S. H. Jones, one of Roxboro's oldest and best citizens, has been very ill, as a result of an attack of influenza. His condition is reported as being better at this writing and he hopes to be able to be at his post of duty again soon.

Most Disastrous Knockout of His Career and Takes the Count at hands of Hayes

JACKSON NEW CHAIRMAN

Marion Butler, Republican warhorse from Sampson county, yesterday suffered the most disastrous defeat in his third of a century political career when his resolutions proposing to make the state Republican system correspond to the national system, fell before a younger and more active Republican party.

Led by Johnson J. Hayes, Wilkes county, the only Republican solicitor in North Carolina, the younger Republicans swept Mr. Butler and his followers from their feet, causing the old warhorse to suffer the worse defeat that he has tasted since he first sprang into the political limelight about 1895.

While Mr. Hayes served as field general in the victory, he was directed in his activities by William G. Bramham, retiring state chairman. While Mr. Bramham took no part in the various arguments that featured the day's session, his part was well borne by his field general, who carried every point that he raised.

Mr. Butler also presented his side with great force, but the enthusiasm that he presented during his arguments, waned as the checking secretaries recorded the votes of the delegates from the various counties.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 9:45, H. L. Crowell, Supt. Let every one come on time and bring a friend. Morning services at 11 A. M. Sermon by the pastor.

Sunday School at Mitchell's Chapel at 2 P. M.

Preaching services at Warren's Grove school house at 3:30 P. M. Evening services at 7:30, sermon by the Pastor. Every one welcome at every service.

P. CARY ADAMS, Pastor.

ESTHER THAXTON RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Little Esther Thaxton, who was run over by an auto, and later carried to a hospital in Richmond by her father, Dr. B. A. Thaxton.

It was found that her arm and shoulder was dislocated and after setting same, she has returned home and is getting on nicely.

WON \$250.00 PRIZE

The friends of Miss Mildred Satterfield are congratulating her upon winning a prize of \$250.00. This prize was offered by Mess. Duffay & Marr for the best budget plan. Along with this plan went an essay dealing with the budget idea in general. This was a state wide contest, and it is quite an honor to have won it.

Miss Satterfield is an accomplished instructor in the Roxboro High School, where she has been engaged for several years.

The Roxboro Court House Is Said To Be Filthiest In State

News In And Around Helena

Produce Truck Appreciated By The Farmers—Prominent Mt. Tirzah citizen Dies

Mr. J. G. Chambers attended the State Republican Convention at Durham last Thursday. He expressed himself as very much pleased at the outcome of the convention.

Miss Pauline Jones spent the week end with her cousin Miss Elise Pearce in the Mt. Zion section.

Mr. C. R. Ashley was in Durham one day last week on business.

The produce truck put on by the Farmer's Council made its initial appearance in Helena last Thursday morning. From all reports the people were well pleased with prices paid and feel that the truck will be a boon to this section.

Mr. Tom Clay was in Durham last Thursday on business.

The many friends of Mr. Joe Noell of the Mt. Tirzah section will hear with regret of his death at his home Sunday night. Mr. Noell had been in declining health for several months and his death wasn't unexpected by his family.

Despite failure of crops last year in this vicinity our depot agent, Mr. Terry, reports that the farmers are purchasing on the average as much Guano as usual judging from the amount being shipped here.

Miss Helen Lance spent last week end with her friend, Miss Sue Satterfield, near Roxboro.

Mesdames Percy and Penn Noell were visitors in Durham one day last week.

Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Lance and Miss Benjamin of the school faculty, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gentry and Miss Blanche Gooch at a delicious fish supper Sunday evening. Judging from the results, Mr. Gentry is a good fisherman, he having caught a number of fish the size of shad.

Despite inclement weather a large crowd heard the excellent debate in the Epworth League Sunday night. The speakers all lived up to their past reputation and presented four addresses that were gems in their realm. The affirmative side upheld by Prof. Satterfield and Mrs. Emma Noell, was declared the winning side. The singing of old songs and the piano solo by Miss Helen Hall were also other features enjoyed by the audience. Next Sunday night the services will be in charge of the third department lead by Mr. Irvin Pearce.

Rev. McGregor, of Jalong, filled his regular appointment at Antioch Baptist Church last Sunday morning. A large crowd was present at this service. This enthusiastic congregation is planning to build a new church building in the near future.

Lady Visits Court House, Says Shoes Should Be Sterilized After Such A Visit

STOVE USED FOR CUSPIDOR

Roxboro had a clean up campaign last week and even the back-yards that I have seen look spick and span, but the ladies over-looked the one stretch in the nostrils of the whole county. I wonder how many of them have ever been up those filthy stairs and into the court-room? Somebody is doing some fearful municipal house-keeping. I paid my first visit to your "temple of justice" last week in company with one of your tax payers. He apologized before we reached the steps for the conditions that I would find. I will be frank to admit that I drew my skirts to me to keep them from contamination. I felt like holding my nose and when I got out I wanted to sterilize my shoes.

There's no excuse for such conditions, no man—or woman either, has a right to use those steps, the stove, or the court room floor as a cuspidor. It wouldn't take but a few dollars to hire a man to take out that germ-reeking old carpet and burn it; to take a hoe and scrape around that stove and on those steps and then have an old-fashioned cleaning with lye and water.

I've been in quite a few of the court houses of the state, some I've seen that are poorer than yours, but I think the court house at Roxboro is surely the filthiest in the state.

What are you going to do about it?—A Stranger Within Your Gates.

CORN CLUB BOYS

The Boys Corn Club met last Saturday afternoon with Prof. G. W. Smith and received their record books. Now boys, get busy, and let's make this summer's work worth something. We are proud of these boys, and we expect to see almost every one of them and look over their acre of corn during the summer, and then when it is all gathered we are going to take a picture of the winning boy and his corn and print it in The Courier.

This in addition to that fifty dollars which we will give to the winner. We were very sorry that we could not meet with the boys last Saturday, but we were out of town. But we will see you later.

ROTARIANS ON TO DURHAM

The convention of the 37th district of Rotary are in session in Durham today. Quite a large delegation from here are in attendance. Numerous autos loaded with delegates passed through here Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. A large sign was stretched across Main Street giving a welcome to all Rotarians, and it is hoped some of the visitors will pay us a visit on their return.

"Abie's Irish Rose"



Scene in "Abie's Irish Rose," Anne Nichols' comedy triumph. At the City Auditorium, Durham, Wednesday and Thursday nights, April 14th and 15th.

FARMERS' COUNCIL WILL MEET SATURDAY EVENING

Program by the Poultry Department Will Meet Saturday Afternoon

G. W. SMITH CHAIRMAN

Everyone who is interested in poultry in any way has a cordial invitation to come to a meeting of the Farmers' Council next Saturday afternoon, April 17th, in the Court House, at two o'clock. There will be a short business meeting and then the program of the afternoon will begin at 2:30, under the direction of Prof. G. W. Smith.

Address on Poultry, Mr. A. G. Oliver of State College; Certification of Farm Flocks, Mrs. E. P. Warren. We hope to have on exhibit a trap nest, home-made brooder coop, drinking fountain, etc.

At this meeting you will please ask any question you wish about your own poultry problems.

A date will be announced later for the meeting of the Cream Department, under the direction of Prof. B. I. Satterfield, chairman.

This will probably be about the middle of May. We hope to present the following program:

Old Six Cow — Mr. A. C. Kimrey, State College.

Dairying in Piedmont Carolina — Mr. W. K. Scott, Alamance County. Demonstration and Exhibition of cream separators.

In June the Vegetable Department, W. C. Warren, Chairman, will try to give us something interesting to think about.

A Year-Round Garden — E. B. Morrow, State College.

Grading and Packing vegetables for home market and for shipping — O. E. Mercker, Division of Markets.

Please remember that the Farmers' Council has no special membership. There are no dues, no charges for admission. Any man or woman who is interested in any phase of farming is assured a cordial welcome at any or all of these meetings. They are just neighborly gatherings to discuss questions of mutual interest.

COUNTY COMMITTEE

COMING SOON

A New Serial Story. Watch for Announcement

The Courier has been very much pleased with the kind things said about our last story, "In Valhalla and Out," which was completed in our last issue. Many have asked when the next will start, and what will it be. We can not say just when it will start, and we will not tell you what it is going to be, but we promise you this much—it will be a good one, and one which you will not want to miss a single installment.

This newspaper serial is a great thing for our readers, and nothing is too good, notwithstanding it is expensive, for our readers. We intend to run a serial all through the year, which makes The Courier about the cheapest thing you can buy today. Just think, all the Person County and Roxboro news, good comics, and the Sunday School lesson every week, news from abroad, state and national, and editorials along lines which interest every man and woman in the County, and in addition at least \$8.00 worth of worth-while books—these stories would cost you more than that if you bought them in book form, and all for \$1.50. Don't you think The Courier is worth the price? Of course you do.

Tell your neighbor about our new story and ask them to send in their subscriptions. Remember, we do not force The Courier on any one. When the time for which you have paid expires, we stop it right then. Watch your label.

SERVICES AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Regular services at the First Baptist church next Sunday. Sunday School 9:45, A. M., B. L. Wilburn, Supt. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

B. Y. P. U. at 8:30 P. M. You are cordially invited to any or all of these services. W. F. WEST, Pastor.