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WYOMING AT SELMA BURNED.

Old Landmark Destroyed by Fire Early Tuesday Morning. Occupants Had Barely Time to Save Their Personal Belongings. Many Local Items of Interest In and Around Selma.

Selma, Feb. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Rose, of Clayton, were here Monday for a few hours.

Mr. J. A. Jones spent Sunday with friends in Benson, returning Monday.

Corporals Bernie Henry and Fletcher Futrell, of Camp Sevier, are here this week the guests of relatives and friends.

Messrs. H. P. and Weldon Barnes, of Archer, were here for a few hours Sunday.

Mr. Walter G. Ward went to Wilson Tuesday afternoon on business.

Messrs. S. B. Creech and Roger Strickland spent Sunday, the guests of friends in Nash County.

Mr. F. B. Whitley went to Raleigh Monday, returning in the afternoon.

Miss Addie Talton, of Smithfield, spent Tuesday here, the guest of friends.

Mr. William Creech spent Sunday in Goldsboro with friends.

Mrs. R. A. Suber and children, of Wilmington, are here this week visiting Mrs. Suber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Whitley.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Wall will move this week to the house formerly occupied by the family of Lieut. Stanley on Green Street.

Miss Lanie Daughtry spent Sunday with her parents in the Yelvington Grove section.

Mr. D. B. Oliver, of Pine Level, was here for a few hours today on business.

Mrs. J. H. Griffin returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives in Wakefield.

Mr. Luther T. Pearce, of Camp Sevier, is spending this week with relatives here and in Micro. Mr. Pearce is in the ordnance Department.

Mr. Chas. S. Creech spent Tuesday in the Capital City on business for his firm.

J. A. Coburn's Greater Minstrels will be at the New Opera House Wednesday night, February 27th, for one night only. They have a company of thirty-one people, with a private car and orchestra. This is a high class show of its kind and contains many new and original features including the original Hawaiian Club. The tickets will be on sale at the Selma Drug Company. Admission, 35, 50 and 75 cents.

Radeliffe's Chautauqua closed a three day entertainment here last Monday night, which proved to be one of the best Chautauqs ever held here. The program, which was patriotic throughout, was one to catch and hold the interest of their audience. The lectures were especially good.

The members of the Merchants Association will have the other business men of the town as their guests at an oyster supper that will be served in their offices Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. All the business firms in town are expected to be represented, and questions of general interest will be discussed. Supt. E. H. Moser and Rev. C. K. Proctor will address the meeting.

The Wyoming Hotel, here was burned down on the morning of Tuesday, February 19th. The hotel was of frame construction, and in rather bad repair, and was burning to such an extent, that it was impossible for the firemen to do anything to save the main building. The firemen, however did good work in saving adjoining buildings on the same lot, the hotel building being the only one burned. The origin of the fire is unknown, it being first discovered by an operator at the Union station, burning on the North end of the building. The hotel had been closed to the public and the only occupants with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchener, were Mr. G. W. Evans, Cashier of the First National Bank, and three railroad men. When awakened, they only had time to save their personal belongings, and very little furniture was saved. Mr. Mitchener, however, in preparation for the closing of the hotel, had moved a part of the furniture out, and the loss in this respect was not total. We understand that the building was insured for \$3,500, with no insurance on furniture. The erection of a modern brick hotel on the site of the old Wyoming is being discussed rather freely here, and we

understand that this will be done. Selma has long felt the need of a modern hotel, and the passing of this old landmark opens the way for a good hotel, and we hope that our people will see that it is secured.

SANDY SPRINGS NOTES.

The people are well pleased with the conduct of the Sandy Springs school. Mr. Massey, the principal, and Miss Mamie Hocutt are good instructors and are using their best efforts for the children placed under their care.

The box party given at Sandy Springs school recently brought in about sixty dollars.

The farmers are busy now mowing down the stalks and getting ready for planting. The crop of foodstuffs will be increased. It is time for us to wake up and raise our home supplies.

Mrs. M. E. Narron and Misses Erma and Herson Narron, of Emit, spent Sunday with Mr. J. O. Hinton and family.

Mr. M. C. Hinton made a business trip to Zebulon Saturday.

Mrs. L. Strickland and Miss Vannie Strickland, of Emit, spent Friday with Mr. J. E. Hinton's family.

Messrs. S. B. Strickland, A. C. Narron, L. Strickland and Ira Johnson made a business trip to Smithfield last week.

Our neighborhood is stirred up over mad dogs and hogs. Several dogs have gone mad around here and Mr. W. R. Oneal has had a hog or two to go mad.—H. O. J.

WILSON'S MILLS SCHOOL NEWS.

Wilson's Mills, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Hollowell, State Organizer of Safety Leagues, visited our school Tuesday Morning. She delivered a very inspiring and thoughtful speech on her work. At the conclusion of this a Safety League was organized in our school with the election of the following officers: James Turnage, President; Elizabeth Uzzle, Vice-President; Harriet Uzzle, Secretary; Miss Clair Hodges, Treasurer; and Miss Clem Bridges, Honorary President.

The following committees were appointed: Observation Committee, Chairman, Anthony Uzzle; Assistants, Aubrey Massey, Joseph Sanders, Norwood Liles, Herman Todd; Accident Committee, Chairman, Wilton Smith; Assistants, Cecil Turnage, Orrell Massey; Scrapbook Committee, Chairman, Lena Whitley; Lucy Turnage, Lucy Gunn Uzzle, Addie Beaty and Jenny B. Tomlinson.

We are now hopeful that many of the needed improvements will be made at an early date. Each committee has begun to function and some things of importance have been accomplished already.

Among the visitors at School this week were: Mrs. C. M. Wilson, Mrs. W. C. Wilson, and Miss Inez Honrine.

According to rumor a very gentle ghost paid a visit to the home of Mr. W. G. Wilson while he and wife were absent on a visit to their son Noah in New York. Those at home, yet not in the receiving line, beheld its searchlight and would not condescend to entertain it. There remained but one (a little child did lead them) who willingly met the stranger or rather purposed to meet it and preserved their reputation for hospitality. They say that the bravery of Charles saved potatoes and other rations fit for ghosts.

What was reported as a near accident occurred on the grounds at recess period yesterday. A class baseball game was in progress. A batted ball going east at an incalculable speed met Clarence West for what looked to be a head-on collision; but best of all the doctor was not needed to take a stitch and Clarence is a moving West still.

Mrs. G. F. Uzzle has returned from her visit to Wake Forest to attend the anniversary of the college.

Mrs. G. F. Uzzle, Mr. G. C. Uzzle, Miss Evie Wilson and Miss Sarah Parrish spent Monday in Raleigh.

Death of Mr. Wm. C. Baker.

Early Tuesday morning Mr. Wm. C. Baker died at his home in Smithfield. He had been sick with pneumonia for about two weeks. He was buried Wednesday afternoon at Piney Grove Cemetery near Four Oaks, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. W. B. Strickland, of Dunn. The deceased was between fifty and sixty years of age and leaves a widow and two daughters.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

A board of officers, headed by Admiral A. G. Winterhalter, has been appointed by Secretary Daniels to study the whole question of non-sinkable ships.

The British casualties for the week ending Monday were 1,043 killed or died of wounds, and 3,063 wounded or missing. This is the lowest weekly casualty list in many months.

Kiev, the seat of the government of the new Ukrainian Republic, which made peace with Germany and Austria, is reported to have been captured by the Bolsheviks on February 8, after fighting in which the killed were estimated at 4,000 and the wounded at 7,000.

Planting of an increased acreage of spring wheat and the production of an increased supply of other food products and of livestock, especially hogs, is recommended in a supplementary food production program issued Monday by the department of agriculture.

The Union county people are taking to the war savings Stamps idea like duck to water. Four men have bought \$1,000 worth of stamps apiece since the campaign began. This is all one person is allowed to buy. These four men are: I. F. Plyler, Dr. W. B. Houston, Kemp A. Halms and Philip Whitney.

Congress was asked by Secretary Daniels Monday for \$230,077,152 to further expand the navy's great building program, provide for more ordnance and ammunition, cover additional pay for an expansion of the marine corps from 30,000 to 50,000 men and meet other expenses not contemplated in this year's naval appropriation bill.

Contracts for a number of destroyers in addition to those provided for in this year's great building program have been placed by the navy department. Secretary Daniels has announced this had been made possible by the unparalleled speed with which the shipyards were turning out destroyers, making way for additional ones on their stocks.

The necessity for increased wages for railroad employes was conceded Monday by representatives of a majority of the railroads of the United States, appearing for the first time before the government's railroad wage commission. They said they came not to oppose requests of the employes, but merely to aid the commission by giving information.

Approximately \$250,000,000 has been estimated as the total for proposed increases of railroad wages in the United States during the present year as compared with 1915. These figures were taken from the basis of \$50,000,000 increases reported for 1917 by railroads representing twenty-five per cent of the total transportation mileage.

An amendment to the Food Bill to fix 1918 wheat at \$2.65 a bushel, instead of \$2, as now authorized, was introduced Monday by Senator Thompson and referred to the Agriculture Committee. Amendments fixing the price at \$2.50 were introduced recently by Senator Gore and another naming \$2.75 was presented by Senator McCumber.

The south is urged to provide food for its own people and feed for its livestock and then to plant as much cotton as can well be cultivated and harvested. To raisers of hogs and beef animals the world need for meats and fats is made clear. Farmers are urged to join with the men on the ranges in providing sheep whose wool is needed to equip soldiers.

Twenty-seven persons were killed and 41 injured in the air raids made by the Germans on London Saturday and Sunday night. As on Saturday night only one of the six or seven enemy machines which attempted to penetrate the defensive barrage of the British, reached London in Sunday night's attack. A third raid was attempted against the capital Monday night.

Principal items for the army in the billion-dollar urgent deficiency appropriation bill, favorably reported to the House of Congress, include \$277,732,000 for bombs for airplanes, \$100,000,000 for quartermaster storage plants on the west coast and at interior points, and \$81,000,000 for mountain, field, siege and other artillery, in addition to the billion dollars already spent for ordnance and contract authorities for \$779,000,000 additional.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

Two Deaths Near Benson. John M. Morgan Moving to St. Pauls. Revenue Officers Get a Still. Soldier and Sailor Boys at Home on a Furlough.

Benson, N. C., Feb. 20.—Mr. Preston Woodall is in the northern markets this week buying goods for his Summer and Fall trade.

Mrs. Anna Creech is in Baltimore and Richmond this week buying millinery supplies.

Mr. Lausie Hodges, of Camp Sevier, is home for a few days visiting his father, Mr. A. W. Hodges.

Mr. Wade Brady, son of our townsman, R. B. Brady, left yesterday for Norfolk, Va., where he is enlisted in the United States Navy.

Rev. J. T. Stanford spent yesterday in Rocky Mount on business. He was accompanied home by his niece, Miss Mabel Evans, of Rich Square.

Our townsman, John M. Morgan, is moving this week to St. Pauls, N. C., where he has purchased a farm and will engage in farming instead of practicing law.

Mr. James Raynor left yesterday for Chapel Hill where his wife and child have been visiting their relatives for some time. Mrs. Raynor will return with him Sunday.

Mr. John L. Morgan who lives just west of Benson lost a fine mule the first of the week. The mule became entangled in the fence and fell breaking its neck.

Messrs. W. S. Murchinson and B. B. Murchinson were visitors to our city Tuesday for several hours.

Mr. R. H. Carswell, of Raleigh, was here Tuesday on business matters for some time.

Messrs. Ezra Parker, James Raynor, Claude Canaday and J. R. Barbour have been attending Court at Smithfield this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Britt and son, Deleon Britt, were visitors to Newton Grove Sunday spending the day with Mr. John Britt, father of Mr. M. T. Britt.

Mr. Robert C. Barbour, of Elevation township, was in the city today on business.

Mr. W. W. Cole, of Smithfield, spent yesterday afternoon in our city on business matters.

Messrs. R. L. Godwin and John Thornton, of Dunn, were here yesterday for a short while.

Messrs. A. L. Barefoot, W. D. Boon and others were in Smithfield yesterday.

Mrs. Julian Godwin has been sick at her home here for several days with pneumonia.

Mr. James E. Wilson went to Clinton today on business matters.

Mr. Bradley Johnson, of Emporia, Va., left this week for his home after spending some time here with his brothers, Messrs. Walton, Chas. and Oscar Johnson.

Mr. Brosia Porter who has been discharged from Camp Sevier on account of dependent relatives, left this morning for Philadelphia where he will work in a ship yard for the United States Government.

Mr. Leary Moore who is in the United States Navy was home for a few days recently visiting his mother and brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Trodgen, of Greensboro, have been here for a few days visit to Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Peacock. Mrs. W. E. Utle left yesterday for her home in Greenville, N. C., after spending a few days with Mrs. J. H. Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. John Denning, of Princeton, were here a few days recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Morgan.

Mrs. Nathan McLamb continues very sick at her home one mile south of Benson. Mrs. McLamb gave birth to twins three weeks ago and both of them have died the past week.

Mrs. Hudson, mother of our townsman A. B. Hudson, has been sick at her home a few miles below Benson for the past few days.

Revenue Officers Flowers, Richardson and Morris captured a 60 gallon capacity still in Atkinson's mill pond the first of the week. Only one of the men who had been operating the still was caught, he having been overtaken by the officers after a lively chase through the pond and woods, while trying to make his escape.

Mr. Martin Stencil died at his home in Harnett County last Sunday morning and was buried Sunday afternoon. He leaves a wife and several children surviving him. He married a daughter of Mr. Charles

Stewart. His remains were laid away in the burying ground at Hodges' Chapel.

Mr. John Austin Phillips died at his home a few miles below Benson last Friday and was buried at Hanna's Creek Sunday afternoon. He was a prosperous farmer and had accumulated quite a bit of property. He leaves a wife and several children surviving him.

Mr. H. O. Dixon, of the United States Navy in Norfolk, was here recently on a ten days' visit to his wife and other relatives.

Mr. Armor Aven, of Jonesboro, spent a few days here recently with friends.

Mr. Eli Turlington recently returned from a short visit to his brother, Mr. Ira Turlington, at Black Mountain. He reports Prof. Turlington's condition improved.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Cavanaugh returned the first of the week from a short visit to relatives in and near Mount Olive.

Mrs. R. A. Rose, of eMadow township died at her home Tuesday and was buried Wednesday. She had been sick for several months. Mrs. Rose was only 24 years of age and left surviving her two children, ages two and four years, besides her husband and a large number of other relatives. She was buried at the family burying ground Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Isham McLamb returned last night from Sampson County where they have been visiting relatives for several days.

Mr. Mather Dorman, son of Mr. T. E. Dorman, of Elevation, is home of a thirty days furlough from Camp Jackson, S. C.

CLAYTON NEWS BUDGET.

Clayton, N. C., Feb. 20.—Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Bass, of Raleigh, were the guests of Mrs. J. W. Massey Sunday.

Mr. Harvey Parker spent the past week-end in Smithfield.

Miss Melba McCullers spent Monday afternoon in Raleigh.

Mr. James Hall and Mr. Garland Young returned to Camp Sevier Sunday night after spending five days here with their parents.

Mr. W. A. Barnes returned this week from Jacksonville, Fla., where he has been for a couple of weeks in the interest of his health.

Mr. T. M. White came up from Goldsboro and spent Sunday with his wife and daughter who have been here for several days visiting friends.

Mrs. J. H. Austin and children returned to their home at Four Oaks Sunday after spending several days here with Mrs. M. E. Gattis.

The many friends of Mrs. L. H. Yarborough regret very much to learn of her illness. She has been confined to her room for several days but we hope she will soon be well again.

The community meeting at the school auditorium on last Friday evening was good and enjoyed by a large house. The short talks, by Messrs. Ragdale and Marrow, of Smithfield, in the interest of War Savings Stamps were very good. Those of Mr. Thurston and Mr. Averitt were also enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Smith spent a few hours last Sunday afternoon with friends in Selma.

The many friends of Mr. Gordon Westrope regret very much his leaving our town. For several months he has been with Mr. Dawson in the Jewelry Store. He left last week for his home at Gaffney, S. C. He will be greatly missed in our churches as well as elsewhere.

Mrs. Paul C. Duncan and little son, Straughn, visited relatives at Rocky out last week.

Mrs. Norris, of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. Wilson, of Raleigh, have been visiting Mrs. W. E. Stallings for several days.

Clayton Lodge No. 137 Knights of Pythias celebrated their 54th anniversary in the Lodge room Monday night of this week, Feb. 18th.

Miss Alma Hall spent Wednesday morning in Raleigh shopping.

Copying Other's Poems.

A few days ago The Herald received a poem from a writer with a request for publication, claiming the little poem as his own. It happened that we saw the very same poem weeks ago in a northern paper. "Great minds run in the same channel."

AT THE CAPITAL OF BOON HILL

Miss Mildred Massey Entertains Young Folks. Dr. Young Delivers Address Under Auspices of Anti-Saloon League. Many Items of Interest Told in Brief.

Princeton, N. C., Feb. 20.—Sergeant R. H. Wells is at home on a five day furlough visiting his parents. He is now stationed at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va.

Mrs. Albert Pearce and baby are seriously ill with pneumonia at their home in town.

Mrs. Lewis, from Goldsboro, is visiting Mrs. J. W. Perry this week. Mrs. Walter V. Woodard is visiting her parents at Gibsonville, N. C.

Mr. W. P. Sugg and Leslie R. Massey have been spending several days in Florida.

Miss Annie Foy Turner, from Teachey's is visiting Misses Bessie and Jessie Massey.

Mr. Neveus Holt was at home Sunday, from Camp Jackson. He only had a twenty-four hour leave of absence, only had about time enough at home to say, "howdy mama," and goodbye.

Mr. Claud Tyner, of the U. S. Navy and on the U. S. S. Chattanooga, was at home a few days this week.

Mrs. Hinnant and son, from Kenly, are visiting Mrs. W. C. Massey.

Miss Myde Woodard has come home to stay after spending several months at Rainey Hospital, Burlington.

Miss Evelyn Humble has accepted a position in the drug store.

Miss Lena Woodall has been visiting the family of Mr. A. L. Massey several days.

Mrs. Estelle De Arman has been visiting relatives in Goldsboro a few days.

Under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League, Dr. Young delivered a lecture in the Methodist church Sunday. Those who did not hear him missed a great treat, and those so fortunate to be present were highly pleased. It was not generally known that this noted gentleman would be here.

Miss Margaret Etheridge, of Selma, was a visitor in town this week in the interest of Red Cross work.

Miss Mildred Massey entertained a number of her friends Saturday night in honor of Miss Flossie Wellons. After playing many games, refreshments were served. Those present were Misses Margaret and Francis Ledbetter, Thelma Toler, Lillian Butler, Jarvis Mitchell, Helen Grantham, and Alma C. Holt, Messrs. Joe Boyett, Adley Holt, Jr., Calvin Gurley, Harvey Wellons, Robert Pitt, Annison Hinnant, Harold Gurley and Mr. Odum.

Dr. B. L. Ayecock has returned home, after spending several days in Atlanta, Ga., and Florida.

Miss Lila Stuckey is at home after spending four months at Rainey Hospital taking training.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Mann a few days ago and left with them a little girl.

Rev. J. W. Alford, assistant Grand Lecturer of the Masonic Order, is in town in the interest of the Masonic Lodge here.

Miss Hester Gurley is at home for a few days from her school at Saulston.

Since the Southern Railway changed the schedule of two o'clock train to arrive here at one o'clock p. m., The Herald for Tuesday comes to Princeton office at 7 a. m. Wednesday morning, and the Friday Herald comes here at 7 Saturday morning. The papers never come here on Tuesday and Friday.

Mr. John A. Brewer is confined at his home with rheumatism.

Two Deaths in Southern Johnston.

We learn that two deaths occurred in the southern part of the county this week. Mrs. Stephen Westbrook, of Bentonville township, a sister of Mr. George E. Thornton, of Smithfield, died Tuesday and was buried Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Westbrook had been sick about ten days with pneumonia.

On the same day Mrs. Robert A. Rose, of Meadow township, died after an illness of several months. She was buried at the old Rose graveyard Wednesday afternoon.

Today is Washington's Birthday and the postoffices and banks generally will observe the day as a holiday.