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Atlantic Coast Line Station Burned

Before half the people in town had retired on Monday night, fire was discovered in the freight department of the A. C. L. station, and the alarm given. Agent W. A. Ellison, who was at home doing some clerical work of the office, found it necessary to return to the station about 11 o'clock to get some papers. He was accompanied by Pearl Perry. They entered the office, secured what they desired and talked with night watchman Truitt for a few minutes and then prepared to leave. Before going out, Perry desiring a drink of water, opened the door leading into the freight room and in which the pump is located, and while in the act of getting the water, called to Ellison that there was fire among a lot of books and papers stored for reference among the rafters of the building, access to which was by means of a ladder. Mr. Ellison hastily secured a bucket and attempted to put out the fire but the smoke became so dense that he and Perry ran out into the office to prevent suffocation. In the meantime, they had called Central to give the alarm, and soon a great crowd had assembled. There was no water near which could be secured for use in the engine and it seemed futile to try to use the chemical engine as the danger was too great to enter the building. The rear platform was full of freight which is never stored in the freight room, and all this was carried out of range of the flames. There was a number of tanks of gasoline also which would have wrought destruction if allowed to remain. For perhaps thirty minutes, the people waited for the flames to burst out, while clouds of dense smoke issued from every hole and crevice. Beneath the building could be seen whiskey on fire, this evidently had flowed from kegs and packages which the heat had burst. The night was calm, not even a breeze stirred the air and so the fire was confined to the building. Two small cottages on the station lot across the street would have burned from the intense heat but for good work on the part of a few men and boys. The large tank at the station residence supplied plenty of water, which was conveyed in buckets, pans and everything conceivable. One unique carrier for water was an iron wheelbarrow propelled by Ed Johnson, who in this manner carried an appreciable amount of water to the threatened buildings. By protecting these houses, the homes of T. W. Thomas and Thomas Peed were saved. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been a defective flue, as there had been fire in the office stove all the day and it originated in the top of the building, and the ceiling in the office concealed it while it was eating its way out.

The amount of freight burned cannot be estimated but the loss comes high as the receipts that day were heavy. All the office contained except a lot of tickets and what the two safes held, were lost. The travelling public, business men and the agent will be inconvenienced for many months as it will take some time to replace a station house creditable to the town and to the railroad. The people will ask that the company build a more modern and convenient structure.

The officials of the railroad arranged a temporary office in the storage room of Harrison Bros & Co., near the ginning mill, and telegraph instruments were in-

LOCAL

Register and vote right on November 3rd.

The office force enjoyed some delicious barbecue on Monday and appreciated the thoughtfulness of Mr. A. B. Windham, advertising agent of the Atlantic Coast Realty Co.

Mrs. F. U. Barnes entertained the Embroidery Club at her home on Smithwick Street on Tuesday afternoon. There were a number of honor guests and the time was most delightfully spent.

Dr. W. E. Warren accompanied Miss Esther Daniel to St. Vincent's Hospital on Wednesday, where she went to have an operation for appendicitis from which she has been suffering for months. Mrs. Warren and Miss Fleming left for Norfolk also.

Williamston has had some music within the past ten days as four brass bands and one Italian orchestra have been here in that time.

Yesterday morning, the engine drawing the train was unable to reverse and come into the station, so passengers, express and mail were put on the cars at the Standard Oil tank on the Washington road. Trouble always comes in pairs.

Jenkins & Roberson and A. S. Roberson & Co., of Robersonville have ads. in this issue. Don't fail to read them carefully.

Get the punch card from J. B. Hopkins and secure a set of the handsome ware he offers on special terms. Read ad in this issue.

FOR SALE—One store 28 by 100 ft warehouse and stables on same lot, best business part of Williamston, N. C., also 3 yokes oxen for sale. For further information see or write

L. E. Corey
Jamesville, N. C.

Jesse James of Falcom, N. C. will start a Series of meetings Friday night Oct. 30th. Mr. J. H. Wiggins and wife will have charge of the singing. The meeting will last about ten days or possibly longer. Place of meeting at Court House.

FOR SALE—Two yokes of oxen, one yoke good size others of medium size all well broke.

J. J. Roberson
Jamesville, N. C.

40,000 pounds of tobacco were sold on the market here last Saturday at the high price mark. Sales have been fine this week, too.

The two little boys of Mrs. Wiley Mizell, whose husband died a few weeks ago, left for the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh on Tuesday morning. They are splendid little fellows and were anxious to go because they had been instructed that an education could be secured.

stalled before night Tuesday. They expressed themselves as being desirous of providing early for the convenience of the public and business men. As soon as possible, a platform 150 feet long will be erected and on this will be constructed a temporary office and later a handsome station will be erected on the old site. The Williamston people appreciate the desire of the officials to restore and add to the conveniences of the station, and there is much regret that the loss of freight and express should be so heavy. Some very valuable packages were burned but there are no records.

Deplorable Condition

If any observer had taken notes on Tuesday morning, he would have seen pupils out of school and hanging about the ruins of the station. This is a common occurrence in Williamston. Whether it is the duty of the parent, the teacher or the two together to catch these pupils out of school and run them in, is not a debatable question. Rather it is an apparent fact that the two should cooperate and break up the straggling of the boys and girls who always stay at home, even if it is nothing more than a new cat in the neighbor's yard that Tommy, or Bill or Mary must see. It is impossible to teach children on the streets and the rules of the school should deal especially with non-attendance.

Use Cotton Bags

A circular letter from Ballard & Ballard, makers of Obelisk flour, tells of how they are using \$1225 worth of cotton sacks each day, when only two weeks ago they used only \$600 worth. They have discarded Jute bags and are urging the use of cotton solely. Then the cotton mills would work 24 hours instead of 12, and bring the total consumption of the crop from 40 to 60 per cent. America does not raise one pound of Jute, but she does raise cotton.

Another thing: If the jobber demands that the goods the producer sends him are packed in cotton sacks he will get it. This is worth striving for. The country is facing a grave crisis and the solution is making every edge cut, and using our own products and not importations.

A Young Man Dead

Henry W. Rogerson, son of Samuel and Amanda Rogerson, was born Sept. 10th, 1894, and died Oct. 7th, 1914, making his stay on earth, twenty years and twenty-seven days. He leaves a father, mother, five brothers and three sisters to mourn his loss.

Henry was a young man of excellent character, kind and gentle, a favorite with all who knew him, especially toward his parents, a quality which is badly wanting in the children of the present generation.

His afflictions were great, but he bore them patiently and gently awaited the end. Not wanting in industry, he labored with his hands till the weakness of his body prevented him.

All was done for him that loving hands could do, or medical skill could devise, but death claimed him. Then with bowed heads and sad hearts, we laid him to rest in the family burying ground to await the Resurrection Morn.

His memory on earth we will cherish,

'Tis all he left us to keep,
Until our bodies shall perish
And no more on earth we shall weep.

Illiteracy Among Rural Population

The need of more and better rural schools in North Carolina is made manifest by conditions revealed in a recent census report showing the per centage of illiterates among the native white farming class of this State. The figures show that the per centage of illiteracy in the rural districts of North Carolina is 13.5 and 4.9 per cent in the cities and villages of the State. North Carolina has 291,497 illiterates and 260,753 of them live on the farms. There are 129,141 boys and men and 131,611 girls and women on the farms of this State that can neither read nor write.

E. C. T. School

The sixth year of the East Carolina Teachers Training School opened with all the dormitory rooms filled, and a few students boarding in town. A number were refused admission, because of the lack of room. On the anniversary of the first opening, President Wright reviewed the growth of the school and contrasted conditions of that year with conditions this year. 2902 students have been enrolled, counting number of students twice during a twelve months. The records show that 1312 have been refused admission for the lack of room.

The Model School, a branch of the Greenville Schools, but connected with the Training School, opened this fall with four supervising teachers. The student teachers of the Senior Class will observe and teach under the guidance of both supervising teachers and the teachers of Primary Methods.

Robertson-Peel

Sunday morning, a quiet marriage was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Peel, near Macedonia Church when their youngest daughter, Ruth, became the wife of Mr. Rolin Robertson, of Williamston, Rev. J. T. Standford, pastor of the Methodist Church, officiating. Owing to the illness of the bride's father, only a few friends were present. Miss Josephine Robertson and Maurice D. Watts, accompanying the groom from here. The bridal party motored here in time for the 8:17 train, and left for Raleigh to spend a few days sight-seeing in the Capital during the fair. On their return they will be at home in East Williamston with relatives.

The bride is an attractive member of the younger set of the section of Martin County in which she was reared, and has many warm friends who wish for her years of happiness in her new home.

Mr. Robertson is chief clerk at the A. C. L. station and a young man of splendid qualities, and is being congratulated on winning Miss Peel.

Another New Year

With this issue THE ENTERPRISE enters its Sixteenth year of usefulness to the people of Martin County, and with renewed determination to live for greater and better things in this blessed land, it begins the new year seeing naught but the silver lining to the clouds, and pointing with the finger of hope to brighter and better things for all people.

To have lived and labored for truth and equity in the town, county, state and nation is to have lived right before God and man, and our thoughts and aspirations are and have been bound together in labor for the betterment of each soul whose eyes scan these columns and more. To make the work larger, more productive of good, there must be sympathy and cooperation flowing from the hearts and lives of this people. We have had all this or else the sixteen years would not have been marked on our calendar. For it all we are deeply grateful, and we shall try to merit a larger sympathy and support in the years before us—years in which our desire must find fruition in a more useful publication and a greater number of people among which to circulate.

PERSONAL

Oscar Anderson attended the Patterson-Gardner marriage at Virginia Beach Saturday.

Maurice S. Moore with W. H. Gurkin and Misses Annie K. Thrower and Clyde Hassell motored to Washington Thursday.

Mrs. P. B. Cone is visiting her parents near Middlesex.

Miss Isabelle Morton, of Robersonville, spent Tuesday night here and joined the party which attended the Watts-Hornthal marriage.

J. W. Watts, Jr. is spending several days here with his parents.

Mrs. C. W. Kellinger received a telegram on Wednesday stating that her son, Frank Kellinger, was near death in a sanatorium at Aiken, S. C. She in company with Miss Della Lanier left on the 5 o'clock train for Aiken.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Fowden returned from their bridal tour on Friday and are at home on Smithwick Street.

Rev. Braxton Craig arrived here Sunday night and delivered a most interesting talk on Missions at the Baptist Church. He is a brother of Gov. Locke Craig and has visited here several times before.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Biggs are at home from their bridal tour and for the present are at home on Smithwick Street.

Mrs. J. J. Jones, who has been here for the past month with her husband, left Monday for Raleigh to attend the fair and from there will go to her home in Durham.

J. W. Cherry, of Everetts, was in town Monday on business.

W. Z. Morton, Sec'y of the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., was in town a short while Monday.

W. E. Roberson, of Robersonville, was in town Tuesday visiting his daughter, Mrs. Theo. Roberson.

Mrs. H. H. Pope and children were here from Robersonville on Tuesday.

Messrs. B. J. Hughes, Supt. of the Norfolk Division, Charles Cobb, Roadmaster, Detective Ames and others of the A. C. L. were in town on Tuesday to arrange with Agent Ellison about temporary quarters for a railroad office.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Mogre left Tuesday afternoon for Washington and Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Mizell, Mrs. Anna Harrison and Mrs. L. B. Harrison spent Monday in Washington.

J. W. Manning with Mrs. W. C. Manning, Miss Daisy Manning and Mrs. J. A. Roberson motored to Washington Tuesday.

P. F. Apfel left Monday for Emporia, Va.

Mesdames Asa T. Crawford, C. D. Carstarphen, Alonzo Hassel, James S. Rhodes, J. W. Watts, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Fowden, Misses Mildred Purvis, Hannah Vic Fowden, Mae Bennett, Fannie Biggs Martin; Mess. W. H. Gurkin, Robert Everett, M. D. Watts, J. W. Watts, J. P. Simpson, Alonzo Hassell; Mrs. W. H. Crawford and Mary Gladys Watts attended the Watts-Hornthal marriage at Plymouth Wednesday.

A few people from here and in the adjoining country are attending the fair this week. It is the best place to go to see what North Carolina has to offer in products.

Sale of Farm Lands

The Joe Ballard place was offered for sale on Monday by the Atlantic Coast Realty Company. The 300 acres had been subdivided into 9 farms, and careful advertising had been done for ten days previous by the company's publicity agent, A. B. Windham. This company has the fine art of advertising, and there is no fake scheme put on the public. Their All Star Band arrived here from Greenville by auto on Monday morning and gave several pleasing selections on the street. Then in company with many citizens, they went out to the place of sale, where a free barbecue dinner was enjoyed by the 200 people present. It was interesting to listen to the auctioneer and watch the eagerness of those desiring to purchase the fertile lands for which Poplar Point is famous. No section of Martin County can produce better and bigger crops of cotton, corn, peanuts and tobacco than these lands.

The chief bidders at the sale were four brothers, the Messrs. Wells, who are intelligent farmers of the county, and will properly develop the resources of the soil which they purchased. The price paid was \$10,500, which was a splendid profit for the sellers of the farms. The sale was under the direct supervision of President J. W. Ferrell and Secretary W. Z. Morton, the latter a native son of Williamston, who is making good with the Realty company, being one of the principal stockholders. This company is the largest in the South, and the only one travelling on its own private car. They have held sales as far down as Tampa, Fla., and are in Virginia this week for several sales, one being in Suffolk.

Factory Robbed.

Friday night, burglars entered the Hamilton Pants Factory and carried away valuable packages of pants and rain coats. Every window in the lower floor has iron grating, but those in the upper story are unprotected except by locks. It happened that one of these had been left unlocked, whether purposely or accidentally has not been fully determined. Any way, the burglars placed a ladder at that particular window and secured the booty, among which were samples from the case when G. W. Hardison was to take on the road the next day. These were new and valuable.

The police was informed and as much secrecy as possible was observed until the arrival of a bloodhound from Tarboro by auto. The dog, however, failed to get on the trail, as the ground was very wet from the week's rain, and a heavy shower had probably come just after the robbery. Turner Williams, a colored man living on an adjacent lot, says that he saw a light in the building and Henry Williams declares that he saw a man with a ladder but thought nothing wrong about the circumstance. The police have been very diligent in trying to discover the hiding place of the goods, but though there is a clue, yet the evidence is not sufficient to arrest anyone. Chief of Police Sawyer is using every means to catch the burglars. It is reported that stealings have been going on sometime in a small way.

J. D. Ward & Company here have contracted to erect a modern brick building for the Bank of Jamesville.