

YADKIN FREEZES OVER FOR FIRST TIME IN YEARS

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lines were frozen in the ground, outside homes and business buildings, making it necessary to remove the earth in order to thaw them.

The cold wave began to break Monday, although the mercury was down to low figures Monday night. Tuesday dawned cloudy and some snow fell, but by mid-afternoon the sun had burst through to dispel the clouds and start melting the snow and ice. Wednesday the snow was melting fast as the sun shone warmly.

Although many local streets were sheeted by ice up until Tuesday, few accidents occurred here of serious nature, due to the fact that motorists drove cautiously. The most serious accident occurred about 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning when the car driven by French W. Graham, Elkin postmaster, skidded on North Bridge street and crashed into two automobiles which were parked at the curb.

Mr. Graham was not badly injured, although he received numerous bruises and injury to one leg in the crash. His skidding car slightly damaged a truck belonging to the Eagle Furniture company, and the car belonging to W. M. Wall. The Graham car was said badly damaged. Mr. Graham was returning from the scene of the fire which destroyed the home of the J. S. Russell family and severely damaged the nearby home of Mr. Graham's mother, Mrs. Anna Graham, when the accident occurred.

Yadkin River Freezes Over for First Time in 23 Years



The severe cold wave which followed the snow storm of Tuesday of last week, froze the Yadkin river from bank to bank for the first time since 1917. The picture above, made from the South Bridge street bridge looking west, shows how the cold turned the water to ice, even at a point where the water runs swift. Lowest unofficial temperature here during the cold spell was said to be 9 below zero. Thickness of the ice on the river was five inches.—(Tribune Photo.)

THE DOCTOR Tells the Story

by W.E. AUGHINBAUGH M.D.

FOOD POISONING

A recent epidemic resulting from eating contaminated food, in which several hundred persons were more or less incapacitated for several days, suggests the advisability of a few words on this subject.

Competent and experienced doctors and health officers were unable to locate the cause of the trouble. Every establishment preparing food for consumption was found to be scrupulously clean, the qualities of the articles used were of the very best and the methods of cooking them most modern.

Numerous printed reports referred to outbreak as "ptomain poisoning"—but medicine looks

upon "ptomain poisoning" as a sort of myth and prefers to call such sickness "food poisoning."

Food poisoning is not due to decomposed foods, which are usually rejected by the person to whom they are offered on account of their disagreeable taste and smell, but usually is caused by natural poisons found in vegetables, fruits, berries, melons, fish and meats and frequently results from parasites depositing their eggs on such materials. Sometimes it may be a deliberate act on the part of some disgruntled restaurant employee, or it may follow the accidental use of insect powders, arsenic, caustic alkalies and plant insecticides, which should never be kept in a kitchen.

The chief culprit is botulism—a food poison caused by the bacillus botulinus. In Dayton, Ohio, many deaths resulted after a banquet in which suspicion pointed to the chef, but which afterwards was scientifically traced to ripe olives, which came direct from high grade manufacturers in bottles. Botulism is serious and the mortality rate high.

Any food containing protein

may cause this disease, because the germ grows and produces its own poison in protein foods of either animal or plant origin. Sausages, hams, fish, corn, beans, asparagus, olives, spinach and cottage cheese frequently are responsible for food poisoning. Botulism never comes from freshly cooked foods, but generally from canned goods. In recent years canners have done much scientific research to overcome this situation and today such illness is becoming rare.

Food idiosyncrasies should not be confused with botulism, for many persons are made sick by eating fresh, clean shell fish, berries, tomatoes, cereals, eggs, milk and even honey. Indeed I have seen cases where even the sight or smell of certain foods would cause nausea and other distressing symptoms.

QUALITY

Harvest of the 1939 corn crop brought in grain of the best quality in many years, the Agricultural Marketing Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, reports.

FIDDLERS' CONVENTION AT NORTH ELKIN SCHOOL

On Friday night, February 16, at 7:30 p.m. an old time fiddlers' convention will be held at North Elkin school. First and second cash prizes will be given the winning contestants in violin, banjo, guitar, and band.

The convention was scheduled for February 2, but was postponed due to the extreme weather conditions.

Many musicians and their bands from Surry, Wilkes, Yadkin, Rockingham and other counties are expected to attend. This attraction, with a popularity contest for the girls, is drawing much interest. All musicians and lovers of string music are especially invited. A small admission will be charged.

POSTPONE PROGRAM UNTIL NEXT MONDAY

Noah Edwards, Claude Kidd, Leslie Myers, Sadie Draughn and Delia Long of the Dobson 4-H club will broadcast over WAIR, Winston-Salem, Saturday, February 3, at 12:30 p. m.

The subject of the broadcast is "Selection and Care of Baby Chicks."

NOTICE!

Elkin Masonic Lodge No. 454, meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights at 7:30. All members requested to be present. Signed: Secretary of Lodge. ttc

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Mission Circle to Meet This Evening

Circle number four of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church will meet this evening, (Thursday) at 7:45 at the home of Mrs. John Sagar on Hospital Road, with Misses Carolyn and Sarah Kelley Lillard, associate hostesses.

All members are cordially invited to attend.

Circles of Woman's Society of Christian Service to Meet

The circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church will meet Monday afternoon, February 5, at 3:30 in the following homes:

Circle number one will meet with Mrs. G. T. Roth on Surry avenue; number two with Mrs. E. G. Click on Circle Court and number three with Mrs. Charles G. Ashby on Bridge street.

All members are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Spainhour Entertain at Dinner Wednesday

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Spainhour entertained at a delightful dinner party Wednesday evening at their home on West Main street, having as guests members of the office and sales staff of the Sydner-Spainhour store here. Covers were placed for eighteen. Red carnations and candles were effectively arranged throughout the home and in the appointments of the table.

Junior Club to Present One-Act Play at Open Meeting

The open meeting of the Elkin Woman's club will be held at the elementary school auditorium Tuesday afternoon, February 6, at 3:30. The program will be in charge of Mrs. Thomas Roth and Miss Josephine Paul, and will feature a one-act play, which is being directed by Mrs. P. M. Greene.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

Mrs. Sagar and Misses Lillard Entertain Saturday

One of the loveliest parties of the winter was the afternoon bridge given Saturday by Mrs. John Sagar and Misses Carolyn and Sarah Kelley Lillard at the home of the former on Hospital Road. Six tables were placed for the games. The home was artistically arranged throughout with potted plants and evergreens.

In the games the high score award went to Mrs. Thomas Roth and runner-up prize went to Mrs. Hubert Parker.

A dessert course was served at the conclusion of the play.

Mrs. Somers Hostess to Thursday Morning Club

Mrs. A. B. Somers entertained members of the Thursday Morning Bridge club at an enjoyable bridge-luncheon Thursday at Hotel Elkin. Bridge was played in the forenoon. Carnations and pussywillow were used effectively in the decorations. Two tables were placed for the games. At the close of the progressions the high score award went to Mrs. Errol Hayes.

Luncheon was served at one o'clock to the following guests: Mesdames Raymond Chatham, Paul Gwyn, J. R. Poindexter, Errol Hayes, R. C. Freeman, Charles G. Ashby and Marion Allen.

Dorcas Class Meets Tuesday Evening

The Dorcas Class of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Carl Myers on Gwyn avenue, with group number five associate hostesses, with 19 members present.

The meeting opened with a hymn, followed by the devotionals period in charge of Mrs. Carl Myers. Mrs. T. L. Parnell, class president, presided over the business session, which featured routine reports.

During a pleasant social hour a number of games and contests were enjoyed, under the direction of Mrs. Silas Nichols. Delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Allen Is Study Club Hostess Wednesday

Mrs. Marion Allen was hostess to members of the Wednesday Afternoon Study club at an enjoyable meeting at her home on Church street Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. R. C. Freeman directed the program, using as her subject Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands.

Mrs. Marion Allen, president, presided over the business session, which featured routine reports and the distribution of new club books for the year. The club will have varied programs this year, having just completed a year of study of famous American cities.

A salad course was served during the afternoon to the following members: Mesdames R. C. Freeman, A. B. Somers, D. G. Smith, Errol Hayes, Hugh Royall, E. B. Harrell and Garland Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Entertain Bridge Club Thursday

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Evans entertained members of their bridge club at the fortnightly meeting Thursday evening at their home on West Main street. Three tables were placed for the games in the living room, which was arranged with greenery and potted plants.

In the games the high score awards went to Mrs. Jimmy Campbell and Ted Brown and honor prizes went to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Meed.

A salad course was served at the conclusion of the play to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Young, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Meed, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Evans.

Baptist Circles to Meet Next Week

The following announcements are made for the group meetings of the Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church.

Circles scheduled to meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 and their respective meeting places are: The Emma Leechman circle with Mrs. C. A. McNeill on Bridge street; the Naomi Shell circle with Mrs. H. G. York on Gwyn avenue, and the Naomi Young circle with Mrs. David Brendle on Bridge street.

Circles meeting Monday evening at 7:30 will be the Rosalee Appleby circle with Mrs. G. L. Hill on Bridge street; the Pearl Johnson circle with Mrs. E. B. Lawrence on Gwyn avenue and the Intermediate G. A. with Miss Elizabeth McNeill on Bridge street.

The Edith Adair circle will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 with Miss Minnie Ruth McNeill on Bridge street and the newly organized Pauline Moore circle will meet Tuesday morning at 10:30 with Mrs. Charles Young on Elk Spur street.

All members are cordially invited to attend.

1939 Highway Deaths Are Up Six Over 1938

Raleigh, Jan. 26—The highway safety division reported today that 943 persons died and 7,190 were injured in North Carolina traffic accidents during 1939.

In 1938 there were 937 fatalities and 7,633 injuries in automobile mishaps.

There were 238 adult pedestrians killed by motor cars last year, the same number as in 1938, but the number of children killed while playing on streets and highways or walking beside dropped to 93 last year from 98 in 1938.

Ronald Hocutt, director, urged a redoubling of safety efforts during 1940. He pointed to "a bright spot" in that fatal accidents increased only slightly while automobile registrations jumped 32,259 and motor travel was estimated to have increased 426,400,000 miles.

Speeders caused 188 deaths, reckless drivers 151, hit-and-run drivers 58 and wrong-side-of-the-road drivers 36.

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