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Lineman Narrowly Escapes Drowning

Life of Alec Wheeler Saved by Artificial Respiration

BADLY BURNED

Man Thrown Into Perquimans River When Pole Breaks

Prompt action on the part of Russell Winslow in administering artificial respiration after he and Ben Thach had pulled Alec Wheeler out of the Perquimans River on Monday probably saved the young telephone lineman from death by drowning after he had almost miraculously escaped death by electrocution. Except for very painful burns on his body, Mr. Wheeler was not seriously injured.

Mr. Wheeler, who is employed by the Town of Hertford, climbed a pole on the causeway near the Perquimans River Bridge on Monday afternoon, and while strapped to the pole carrying 2200 volt wires, cut the pole wire which held the pole. The pole broke and pole, man and wires fell into the river.

As the wires struck the water a short circuit blew a fuse at the substation of the Virginia Electric and Power Co., at Winfall, cutting off the current, which saved the victim from electrocution. Rendered unconscious from shock, the man would have drowned but for the quick rescue by young Winslow and Thach, who were working near-by with the force engaged in repairing the causeway. After dragging the man from the water, which was some five or six feet deep at the point where he fell, Winslow administered artificial respiration, and hurry calls were sent for physicians. Dr. C. A. Davenport and Dr. T. P. Brinn both responded, but before they could reach the scene Mr. Wheeler had regained consciousness and had been placed in an automobile. After the man was taken to his home physicians made an examination and found that he had sustained very painful burns on his chest and on one hip.

His condition is improving.

Has Arm Broken In Automobile Wreck

The report that the arm of Leroy Spruill, colored, who is in the Albenmarle Hospital in Elizabeth City as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident on Friday night has been amputated is an error. Spruill will not lose his arm, which was badly broken. Severe abrasions and lacerations will, however, be some time in healing.

The accident occurred on Friday night, when the car in which Spruill was riding was in collision with a truck loaded with fish and driven by a white man, Thurman Maddrey, of Enfield.

Thurman, who was arrested by Officer Melvin Owens, failed to appear when his case was called in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, and a capias was issued for his appearance on July 30.

Judge Oakey Curbs Nuisance At Jail

A warning was issued by Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., in Recorder's Court on Monday, when he suspended sentence on a colored man and woman who had been brought into court for violating a recent court order that loitering about the jail enclosure must cease.

It developed that the two persons who had been locked up by special night policeman Melvin Owens on Monday night had not been disorderly, but the officer locked them up because he had been ordered to place in jail any one found talking to jail inmates.

There has been a good deal of complaint at the nuisance of noisy conversation and laughter going on between inmates of the jail and persons loitering on the outside, at all hours of the day and at night.

Judge Oakey stated that in the future all persons would be locked up who were found talking to jail inmates. "If any one wishes to talk to any one in the jail," he said, "find the sheriff or some other officer and ask for permission to do so."

NEW OFFICE ASSISTANT

Mrs. Fenton Britt has accepted a position as office assistant in the office of Dr. C. A. Davenport. Mrs. Britt took over her new duties on Tuesday of this week.

HIT OR MISS

By M. L. W.
Monday must have been Alec Wheeler's lucky day.

But for the fact that a fuse blew out at the sub-station of the power company just in the nick of time, Mr. Wheeler would in all probability have been electrocuted when he was thrown into the water as the pole which he had climbed broke. That was one lucky break.

If Ben Thach and Russell Winslow, or somebody else, had not been near enough to see the accident and take him out of the water he most certainly would have drowned.

Moreover, if Russell Winslow had not known how to resuscitate drowning persons he might have died even after being removed from the water.

Finally, had the pole fallen on the concrete road instead of into the water, he would most likely have been killed by the impact.

How little we know what is going on in the minds and hearts of men and women! It is hard to tell by looking into the faces of our friends of what they are thinking, what they may perchance be suffering.

Take the case of Mrs. V. N. Darden, prominent young Hertford matron, for instance.

It was observed some days ago that there was something strangely unfamiliar about the expression on Mrs. Darden's face. Her friends wondered. It wasn't a thing you could exactly put your finger on. It was difficult to place. But it was apparent that there was something wrong.

Some times it appeared that the good lady was merely preoccupied, as though her thoughts were on something remote and unrelated to the present. At other times she appeared to be coldly aloof, and now and then her face took on a rather supercilious expression, not unmixed with disgust.

It was only when she appeared to be merely puzzled one day, apparently pondering some difficult and weighty problem that a friend ventured to suggest that perhaps there was something she could do. And then the simple truth came out. The lady had a new tooth! Just that. It had just been bridged in and the feeling of strangeness had produced that mysterious series of pained expressions which had been causing everybody to wonder.

I say you never can tell.

"POETS WITH POWER"

"Twinkle, twinkle, little star"
The poet said, and lo!
Away above the earth so high
The stars a-twinkling go!

"Blow, blow, wild winter wind,"
Another spoke command,
And every winter now we hear
It blow to beat the band!

"Thou, too, sail on, Oh Ship of State,"
A poet once did sing,
And ever since the Ship of State's
Been doing that same thing

"Roll on, thou deep and dark blue ocean, roll!"
Another voice was heard,
And the ocean rolls, obedient to his
mandatory word.

—Selected

Heavy Rains Flood Sections Of County

Boys swimming in the road on Monday afternoon, after the heaviest rain residents of the Hickory Cross section of Perquimans County have ever seen, was reported in Hertford on Tuesday.

The road, known as the "Low Ground Road", located north of Hickory Cross, was inundated after a rain which lasted three hours, following other heavy rains which had fallen over the week end.

E. T. Stallings, who lives on the road leading from Niannor to Sandy Cross, and keeps a store near his home, reported that the water was knee deep in places between his store and his home and in order to reach his home he had to remove his shoes and wade.

Mr. Stallings also said that the water was so deep that William C. Chappell, mail carrier, had to leave his car, and walk a quarter of a mile up the road to deliver mail.

Heavy rains have been general all over the county, and this section seems to have had the heaviest rainfall of any section.

\$50,000 SCHOOL LOAN THOUGHT BE INADEQUATE

Architect's Estimate of Cost Is \$75,000 to \$80,000

REPAIRS NEEDED

Project Includes New Plants at Belvidere And Winfall

From the architect's estimate of the cost of the school buildings and repairs and improvements to school buildings in Perquimans, the fifty thousand dollars applied for by Perquimans school authorities from the PWA is not going to be adequate.

Two new schools building are necessary in Perquimans, one to replace the Belvidere school which was burned this spring, and a new building at Winfall, where the building in use has for a long time been inadequate.

Among the necessary repairs and improvements is a new roof for the New Hope school, as well as an auditorium for that school; a garage for the Perquimans High School, and more class rooms for the Hertford Grammar School.

The architect's estimate is that the cost of these items will amount to seventy-five or eighty thousand dollars.

Judson Bass Kills Snake In Room

The kerosene had all burned out of the lamp and only three matches could be located by Judson Bass, who lives near Yeopim, in this County, late one night last week when he heard a rustling sound in the adjoining room. He didn't like the sound. The room was supposed to be unoccupied. In fact, Mr. Bass lives alone.

He struck one of the matches and it went out before he could see anything. Striking the second match he had the same luck. But by the gleam of the third and last match he spied a big copperhead snake wriggling its ugly body across the room. He had his gun in his hand, and dropping the match, he took aim in the direction he had lately seen the snake and fired. It was a lucky shot. The snake was killed.

Darden Bros. Putting On Summer Sale

Darden Bros. is putting on a special summer sale this week. The advertisement in this issue of The Perquimans Weekly lists a large number of articles such as every one is interested in buying right now at very attractive prices.

The old idea of waiting to put on a sale until the end of the season seems to be out. The progressive merchant announces his special prices while there is a demand for the goods.

WOODVILLE MISSIONARY SOCIETY HOLDS MEETING

The Woman's Missionary Society of Woodville Baptist Church held its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Misses Myrtle and Geneva Ownley.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. M. R. Griffin. After the opening hymn was sung Miss Myrtle Ownley led in prayer. Mrs. M. R. Griffin led the devotional.

Mrs. Ralph Mercer gave a very interesting reading, "Changing Africa"; "Lifting the Cross in Africa" by Mrs. E. C. Spruill of Norfolk.

Miss Myrtle Ownley gave a very interesting talk, "New Problems in Africa." Mr. Murphy gave a very helpful talk.

The next meeting in August will be held with Mrs. Edward Gregory. The hostess served a delicious ice course.

Those present were Mrs. G. W. Gregory, Mrs. M. R. Griffin, Mrs. Henry Stokley, Mr. and Mrs. O. Jack Murphy, Mrs. E. C. Spruill of Norfolk, Mrs. H. C. West, Mrs. W. R. Mercer, Mrs. Edward Gregory, Mrs. G. W. Alexander, Mrs. J. C. Wilson, Mrs. Johnnie Gregory, Myrtle Ownley, Visitors, Miss Mamie Stallings, Anna Belle Wood, Novella Lee of Elizabeth City, Gussie Bray Whitehurst, Geneva Ownley, Ruth Wilson, Mr. Stokley and Mr. Ownley.

ON SICK LIST

Mrs. J. Oliver White, of Church street, is on the sick list this week.

CROWDED HOUSE FRIDAY TO HEAR BISHOP P. KERN

First M. E. Bishop to Visit Hertford In 40 Years

LIVED IN ORIENT

Churchman Makes Earnest Plea For Missionary Work

The Rt. Rev. Paul B. Kern, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the two Carolinas, addressed a large congregation at the Hertford Methodist Church on Friday night, portraying in vivid and colorful language conditions as he has observed them in the Far East during the four years that he was a missionary bishop and lived in the Orient. He made an eloquent and earnest appeal that the missionary work of the church should not be allowed to drag at a time when more than ever in the history of the world the gospel of Jesus Christ is needed.

Bishop Kern, who is the first Methodist bishop to visit Hertford in forty years, was accompanied by Rev. J. H. McCracken, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City District, in which district the two ministers have worked for the past five days, visiting most of the churches in the district. This is the only district in the four conferences under Bishop Kern's jurisdiction which he has visited. He took occasion to refer to the fact that this is the only district in the two states which support its own missionary.

That the gospel of Jesus Christ is having today in Asia its fundamental test as to whether or not it will be able to turn toward God the vast streams of Asiatic life and bring in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, not only in the Eastern world, but in that plastic world on the other side of the Pacific, was pointed out by the speaker, who stated that the center of interest is rapidly shifting from Europe and from America to the Orient.

"I am not discussing some problem that is not related to your own immediate life," he said. "I am speaking about one of those great economic problems that has to do with your life and mine, for somehow or other, this world is rapidly becoming a neighborhood."

"I thought," he said, when I went to the Far East that I should find ourselves as representatives of the Christian religion in immediate conflict with these old world religions, such as Buddhism, Mohammedanism, and Hinduism, but I was not long in discovering that our conflict in these lands is not with these ancient religions, but with the great forces of materialism and utter paganism."

Referring to the fact that the modern educated youth of the Far East no longer is being drawn to the superstitious beliefs in the heathen gods, Bishop Kern said, "No civilization has been able long to endure after its religion collapses."

Pointing out the particular need today, the speaker said, "You will find in all these lands an increasingly large number of young and middle aged men and women who have forsaken these old gods which no longer held any charm. They are being released from the superstitions which held them, but they are being released and set free in a world in which the old gods have tumbled from their lofty places, where the old moralities no longer dictate, and where there is a fast increasing multitude who have no religion unless they shall find their way to the Christ that you and I know."

One of the contributions which religion ought to make to life, according to Bishop Kern, is an adequate conception of God. "These old faiths no longer present to their people any worthy and adequate conception of God."

"This is an hour of destiny in those lands," the speaker said. "The real battle over there is with an emerging materialism." In this connection he stated that "Japan is becoming educated. Ninety-three per cent of her people can read and write and probably within the next ten years she will become the only completely literate nation on earth."

One rather startling statement was that there are more book stores in the city of Tokio than are in all of our Southern states put together.

Referring to the fact that these people are studying religions, philosophy, theology, Bishop Kern said, "I believe that you and I, with the gospel of Jesus Christ, have the only answer to their problem. 'With these forces coming to birth

Twenty-Six Enrolled In Swimming Class

Seeking Water Works At Winfall

The city fathers of Winfall met on Tuesday night in a called meeting to devise plans for securing a water works and sewage system for the town.

Most of the citizens of the town are reported as being much interested in the project, it being pointed out that the town at present has no fire protection.

Court Resumed After Adjourned Abruptly

Recorder's Court was adjourned very abruptly by Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., on Tuesday morning after a brief session when no cases were tried, due to the fact that certain court officers and parties necessary in cases called for trial were not on hand.

Judge Oakey announced that court would re-convene at one o'clock, at which time the cases called were tried.

J. T. Lane, convicted of the charge of speeding, was fined five dollars and taxed with the court costs.

The case against William H. Riddick, colored, charged with bastardy, was continued to October 1.

Capias was issued for Thurman Maddrey, of Enfield, charged with reckless driving and with driving with improper lights, the capias returnable on July 30.

Judgement was suspended in the cases of June Irvin and Ida Elliott, who had spent the night in jail where they had been placed when found talking to inmates of the jail.

Hertford Natives To Sail For China

Rev. Phillip E. White, pastor of the Leaksville Baptist Church, and Mrs. White, both natives of Hertford, will sail from San Francisco for China late in August, to resume their work as missionaries from the Southern Baptist Convention which was interrupted seven years ago when they were sent home after three years in China because of war conditions there.

Mr. and Mrs. White are in Hertford now, where they will spend several weeks visiting Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. L. W. Norman, and Mr. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. White.

Mr. and Mrs. White will be accompanied by their two little daughters, one of whom was born in Shanghai.

Perquimans Teachers Tour Northern States

A party of six Perquimans County school teachers left Wednesday on an eighteen-day tour of New England States and Canada.

The party, which is composed chiefly of summer school students of East Carolina Teacher College, of Greenville, who make the trip in lieu of summer school work at the college, will visit a number of interesting points in Canada and in the New England States.

Those from Perquimans in the party are Mrs. T. L. Jessup, Miss Helen Morgan, Miss Bertha Chappell, Mrs. W. F. Morgan, Miss Lucille Long and Mrs. A. R. Winslow, Jr.

Eight pure Guernsey calves have been purchased recently by 4-H club boys of McDowell County.

In Japan, there is the question of whether or not they shall be carried toward Christianity, or whether or not we shall stand by and see them carried in atheistic communism, until the land shall adopt the doctrine, the materialism, of atheistic communism, which shall not stop there, but which shall drift to our own shores and destroy those things for which our fathers died in this land."

The Bishop paid a glowing tribute to the missionaries. "The missionary," he said, "interprets one people to another and builds international highways."

After relating incidents in the lives of the loyal and faithful missionaries with whom he has been in contact, the speaker made the statement: "I am glad to have the privilege of telling you how well worth while it all has been. I am glad to tell you how Christ has come into the hearts and transformed the lives of men and women over there and made them over in his own image, and how for it all they love you with a love that you can never understand."

Fourteen Beginners and 12 Swimmers Taking Instructions

PAYNE IN CHARGE

Bad Weather Holds up Forming of Life Saving Class

Fourteen beginners have enrolled in the swimming school which is being conducted this week in Hertford, and twelve swimmers are being given additional instruction, learning the various swimming strokes.

Because of the rainy weather the life saving class, which was to have commenced on Monday afternoon, has not yet been organized.

Richard Payne, who is in charge of the school, which is conducted under the auspices of the American Red Cross, said Wednesday that he would be very glad to conduct this class next week, or when weather conditions are more favorable.

The beginners enrolled are Adalia Winslow, Alton Britt, Julian Felton, Jimmie Felton, Helene Britt, Elmo Cannon, Francis Blount Nixon, Dorothy Strange, Jane Strange and Ida Lee White.

Members of the more advanced class are Ruth Hollowell, Anne Tullis Felton, Florence Darden, Shirley Elliott, Maywood Pierce, Mary Field, Bobby Cameron, Leigh Winslow, Jack Winslow, Hilry Winslow, Pat Edwards and Edward Simpson.

Johnson Applies For Loan Of School Busses

F. T. Johnson, Superintendent of Education of Perquimans County, looking ahead to next fall when the schools open, has applied to the State School Commission for the loan of busses which will be needed to transport the school children of Belvidere to the Hertford High School, where three class rooms are to be set aside for this school until such time as the new school to be built at Belvidere will be ready for occupancy.

Former Teacher Weds In South Carolina

Of interest to Hertford and Perquimans people is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Mary Carson of Stokes, and Mr. Glenn Norman of Robersonville, which took place at Conway, S. C., on July 4th.

Mrs. Norman taught history in the Perquimans High School during the last semester, filling the position made vacant by the resignation of Miss Mary Glasson.

Local Methodists Go To Junaluska

There will be no services in the Hertford Methodist Church on next Sunday and no prayer meeting service on next Wednesday night.

Rev. B. P. Robinson, Pastor of the Church, left Tuesday for Lake Junaluska, to attend the Pastors' and Laymen's School which is in session there. The school lasts through next week.

Mesdames G. T. Hawkins, R. T. Clark and T. B. Walters will leave on the 29th of July to attend the School and Missions at Lake Junaluska. This school also lasts two weeks.

R. A. WHITE INJURED WHILE WORKING ON CAUSEWAY

R. A. White was quite painfully injured on Saturday while engaged in the road repairing work which is being done on the causeway. Mr. White had the misfortune to stick a cant hook in his foot. Dr. C. A. Davenport rendered the necessary attention and Mr. White is back on the job.

MR. COPELAND IMPROVING

The condition of L. J. Copeland, who has been confined to his bed for the past three weeks as the result of injuries sustained when he slipped in a bathtub at his home in Hertford, is improving. Mr. Copeland sustained, among other injuries, a broken rib.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS MONDAY WITH MRS. NIXON

The Minnie Wilson Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will meet on Monday night at the home of Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Jr. All members are urged to be present.