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## CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO  
CAROLINIANS.

Hickory.—Jesse O. Goodman, Jr., a young white man, is in the county jail awaiting trial for forgery on five counts, following his dealing in high finance and automobiles here several days ago.

Rutherfordton.—At a recent convocation held at the Masonic hall here, the Rutherford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, was organized with a membership of 28.

Greensboro.—Suffering from smallpox and removed from a train arriving here, Fred Russell, a negro, had the officers called to take care of him stood off. They kept their distance guiding him to the county physician, who pronounced it smallpox.

Statesville.—Mrs. Clara Butler Clarke, of Southern Pines, sister of Blon H. Butler, well known newspaper writer of North Carolina, died at Long's Sanatorium here. The remains were taken to Southern Pines for interment.

Winston-Salem.—Local clubs will join the men's Bible classes of various churches here in urging William J. Bryan to visit Winston-Salem and make an address at the close of the attendance contest being conducted by the various classes. It will close with the last Sunday in March.

Spencer.—Spencer is experiencing a siege of influenza, with several persons severely ill, while there are many mild cases of the disease. Pneumonia has appeared in a number of instances, Chief of Police J. R. Cruse being dangerously ill, with both sides affected.

Elizabeth City.—W. J. Woodley, Sr., of this city, was the purchaser of the First Methodist church property offered for sale at auction on the property site. His bid was the minimum figure, \$10,000, named in the sale terms. Mr. Woodley says that he has not yet decided what he will do with his purchase.

Greensboro.—Joe Patterson, white man, and one of the 16 prisoners who escaped from the Guilford county roads some weeks ago, has been retaken and is now back on the roads.

Asheville.—Anna Belle Dunn, 10 years of age, prevented what might have been a serious railway accident on the Toxaway branch of the Southern railway when she ran for a mile to reach the station and advise the conductor of a landslide.

Charlotte.—Stockholders and others interested in the erection of the new hotel stated that the hotel will be built beyond all doubt; that it will cost over a million, and that the money is in sight. The hotel will have over 250 rooms and be 13 stories. The architect is W. L. Stoddard, of New York, and William Fore, lessee.

Asheville.—The North Carolina Electrical Power Company is adding a twelve hundred horsepower water wheel unit to the Weaver power plant, near Craggy, and an eight thousand horsepower turbine to the steam plant at Elk Mountain.

Hamlet.—Business is unquestionably picking up, according to officials of the railroad here, and according to express messengers running regularly between here and Richmond, Va., Washington, D. C., and Columbia, S. C. Many solid carloads of express are being hauled, while a few months ago express for the most part was shipped in a few broken car lots.

New Bern.—An interesting curio that was recently brought to light here is a Spanish coin bearing the date of 1784, which is in the hands of H. T. Paterson, local U. S. engineer. The coin was found by members of the crew of the government dredge attached to the local office when they were cleaning out the pumps of that craft a few days ago.

Apex.—H. A. Patterson, a well known farmer living three miles from Apex was instantly killed when a shotgun accidentally discharged, the entire load taking effect in his abdomen.

Wilmington.—Resolutions approving the five year campaign of the east Carolina chamber of commerce to combat the boll weevil and turn the tide for more progressive farming in this section were adopted by the manufacturers, merchants and bankers of Wilmington.

## SEVEN ARE KILLED AND SIXTEEN HURT

WHEN COACH TURNS OVER ON  
TRESTLE AND FALLS INTO  
CREEK 50 FEET BELOW.

### ASSISTANCE FROM ATLANTA

Accident Occurs on Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Railroad in the Early Morning Hours.

Atlanta, Ga. — Seven persons were killed and sixteen injured when a passenger coach of an Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic train, en route to Fitzgerald, was derailed, 15 miles from Atlanta and sent crashing into Camp Creek, 50 feet below.

Approximately 30 persons were in the coach, the last of the train, when a wheel on the first truck burst, sending the car bumping over a hundred yards of ties before the trestle was reached, and it was almost across, when it suddenly turned over. The coach tore away from the preceding car as it fell and was almost completely demolished when it dropped into the shallow creek.

The seven persons killed, six men and one woman, met instant death, their bodies being badly mutilated.

All of the injured are expected to recover.

Scores of other passengers and persons from nearby towns, spurred by the cries of the injured, worked in the wreckage, releasing those imprisoned and removing the dead.

Ambulances and physicians were rushed from Atlanta, and the injured and dead removed to hospitals and morgues here.

The following list of dead and injured was issued by the A. B. and A. officials, after checking with the hospital authorities:

C. T. Elmore, cashier, local freight station, A. B. and A. Railroad company.

W. E. McIntosh, Imperial hotel, New York.

B. C. Driver, Roanoke, Ala.

W. E. Johnson, section foreman, Birmingham division, A. B. and A., Birmingham, Ala.

R. W. Lanier, operator, Senola, Ga.

Mrs. I. H. Etheridge, Atlanta, Ga.

W. M. Brooks, Western Union Telegraph Co., Manchester, Ga.

The injured:

C. D. Moore, Atlanta, Ga.; Thomas W. Etheridge, Atlanta; Thomas

Etheridge, Jr., baby, Atlanta; Miss

Mattie Wall, Fitzgerald, Ga.; Miss

Estelle McNeice, Talbotton, Ga.; Miss

Caroline Dunbar, Langdale, Ala.; T. F.

Hentz, Atlanta; Miss Olive Sigert, Atlanta; C. A. Davis, Alva, Ga.; Miss

Mamie Whitlock, Atlanta; Mrs. B. G.

McNelly, Atlanta; Mrs. J. H. Murray,

Atlanta; J. H. Murray, Atlanta; Wil-

lard Cope, Atlanta.

Funds Available to Assembly Data.

Washington.—The secretary of agriculture informed the committee on appropriations that a sum of \$20,000, representing increased appropriations for formulating crop estimates, \$5,000 would be used in formulating cotton estimates.

When the increase was granted some days ago, Representative J. F. Burnes of South Carolina spoke to representatives of the agricultural department of the importance of cotton estimate, and of the frequency with which grievous errors had been made in the past. He wanted to know of the department the amount of the total increase which would be dedicated to cotton estimates. It was in response to that request that the department reported to the committee.

Radio Waves Will Travel in Ground.

Schneetady, N. Y.—Radio waves will travel as readily through the earth or water as through the air under certain conditions, Dr. Charles P. Steinmetz, chief consulting engineer of the General Electric company, declared. He says this accounts for recent remarkable performances of the low power radio apparatus in transmitting and receiving messages from surprising distances.

Hospital Building Program Approved.

Washington.—Appropriation of \$17,000,000 to complete the hospital building program of the United States Veterans' bureau is provided in the Langley bill, which was unanimously reported from the house public buildings committee. The Veterans' bureau will be in charge of the construction work under the bill. Formerly the building of hospitals for disabled veterans was under the supervision of the treasury department. Chairman Langley stated that he would try to secure prompt action on the bill.

## TO BE HONOR GUEST OF ROTARY

William D. Coppeck, International Vice-President to Attend Rotary Conference in Winston-Salem.

Winston-Salem.—William D. Coppeck, international second vice-president, better known in Rotary circles as "Billy" Coppeck, will be the honor guest at the seventh district Rotary conference, to be held in Winston-Salem March 21 and 22. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Coppeck, also very popular in Rotary circles. They are from Council Bluffs, Iowa. Vice-President Coppeck will be the "headliner" of the program. On the first morning of the conference he will speak on "International Rotary," a subject he is admirably fitted to discuss. Other features of the conference program, as far as the speaking is concerned, will be the address at the opening session by District Governor Joseph A. Turner of Roanoke.

Va. The address of welcome by President John Whitaker of the local club and an address on the second morning of the conference by Miss Elisabeth Bain of the American Social Hygiene Association, through the courtesy of the Charlotte club.

This is not to be primarily a "speech-making program," with most of the time allotted to a few speakers. On the contrary, the idea is to give the Rotarians throughout the district a chance to express themselves on the various topics presented. It is probable that never before have as many different persons taken part in a seventh district program as will participate in this one.

Among the program features that are always awaited with interest are the reports of the conference committees. They will be presented on the morning of the second day. The resolution committee, among others, is expected to have a number of important matters to handle.

There will be four conference sessions at the Auditorium theater. In addition there will be the big "song-

fest" on the first evening, followed by the dance; two luncheons and a dinner in honor of the visitors, and an automobile ride on the second afternoon of the conference.

There will be fifty-four clubs in the seventh district by the time the conference convenes, and every one of them will be represented at this notable gathering of Rotarians from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

Winston-Salem.—The trustees of the Methodist Children's Home here have authorized Superintendent C. A. Wood to proceed with the erection of a modern school building as early as possible. Plans are now being prepared for a \$30,000 structure.

Kinston.—James Howard, brought here for treatment of injuries received in an affray at Deep Run, could not say who cut him, the sheriff's office declared. William Herring, charged with the cutting, was unable to prove anything on himself.

## APPROPRIATION FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION

RECOMMEND \$50,000,000 FOR FEDERAL ROAD BUILDING  
NEXT YEAR.

### BUREAU'S WORK INCREASED

Committee Recommends Increase of 100 in the Number of Postoffice Inspectors.

Washington.—Appropriations of \$50,000,000 for federal road construction next year, \$1,900,000 for continuing the trans-continental airplane mail service and \$513,000 to repair the New York-Brooklyn pneumatic mail tube service are additions to the annual postoffice appropriation bill carrying about \$624,000,000 which was ordered reported by the senate postoffice committee.

In addition to the \$50,000,000 for next year in carrying out the federal highway act, the committee declared for \$85,000,000 for 1924 and \$75,000,000 for 1925.

All together the senate committee added nearly \$70,000,000 to the postal budget as passed by house of representatives. Among additions inserted were provisions for continuing the joint postal commission next year and for investigation of "star route" contracts for 1919 to 1921 to determine whether there should be readjustments of compensation.

An increase of 100 in the number of postoffice inspectors over the 420 authorized by the house also was recommended by the committee. The present force is 435 and Chief Inspector Simmons testified that the inspection force was "hopelessly behind in its work."

Depredations of parcel post mail Mr. Simmons said, have increased the bureau's work greatly.

The \$1,900,000 authorized for continuing the trans-continental mail service which the house refused to provide for is the minimum for safe operation of the mail airplanes, officials told the committee although \$300,000 less than the estimates. The committee was told that American airplane development was "negligible" compared with foreign airplane systems.

Eventually, officials said, it is hoped that private companies will take over the airplane mail transportation.

Schooner and Liquor Seized.  
New York.—The American schooner Victory, loaded with more than 3,000 cases of American and Scotch whiskeys, whose value was estimated by prohibition agents at nearly \$400,000, was seized by customs inspectors in the lower bay and tied up at the Battery, pending court action.

Travels 1,700 to Marry.  
Anchorage, Alaska.—Miss Mary Conley, a trained nurse, formerly of Anaconda, Mont., is traveling 1,700 miles, 700 miles of the distance by dog team, on her way from Akiak, in the Kuskokwim country, to Juneau, where in April she will wed Carl Thiele, acting governor of Alaska.

To Enlarge Camp Benning.  
Washington.—An appropriation of \$40,000 for enlargement of quarters for officers and men at Camp Benning, Georgia, is provided in the annual army appropriation bill as completed by a house sub-committee and soon to be presented to the house.

Oil Companies Consolidate.  
Mexico, Texas.—First steps in the proposed consolidation of the Humphreys Texas company and the Humphreys Mexico company into a new \$15,000,000 corporation to be known as the Humphreys Oil company were taken here, it was announced.

Germany Makes Payment.  
Paris.—The German government notified the Allied Reparations commission that it had placed on deposit Germany's sixth ten-day reparation payment, amounting to 31,000,000 gold marks.

Hardwood Men Plan Institute.  
Louisville, Ky.—The American Hardwood institute, proposed successor to the American Hardwood Manufacturers' association as a trade organization of the hardwood lumber industry, will be ready for incorporation within two weeks, James B. Stark of Memphis, chairman of the organization committee, said. Following this formality, he added, the proposed plan will be submitted to Attorney General Daugherty and the department of commerce for an opinion as to its legality.

# CLOSING OUT SALE

The enormous stock of goods of the late Manley B. Blackburn must be sold in order to settle up with the estate, therefore we are going to sell everything at big reductions. You can save money by getting your supplies here as long as they last. Come while we have a complete stock to select from.

### Men's Suits

Reduced from	
\$42.50	to
33.00	"
25.00	"
15.00	"
12.50	"

\$27.50
21.50
15.00
10.00
7.50

### Boy's Suits

Reduced from	
\$18.00	to
15.00	"
10.00	"
6.00	"
All suits of best materials	

We have the largest stock of mens high grade pants in Watauga County. We can fit you, and they all have big reductions in prices. We have cut prices on our big line of dry goods. Below is a list of exceptional bargains:

One lot of gingham	per yard	.15
L. L. sheeting	"	.10
10-4 sheeting	"	.48
9-4 sheeting	"	.40
A few nice dress patterns	"	.10

Men's heavy work shoes	\$1.00 to	\$3.50
Ladie's shoes from	.25 to	2.00
Children's shoes from	.60 to	1.75

(These shoes are not junk or trash but are good servicable shoes. Look them over!)

One lot of cotton hulls	per bag	\$1.10
Salt in 100 pound-bags	"	1.10

We have a good line of Hardware at Bargain Prices. We have a complete line of groceries at bargain prices. We are not selling to stay in business but to get out as quickly as possible. Come and take a look.

Mr. Merchant It would pay you to come and look our line over, get our prices and buy from us. It will pay you.

## HENRY J. HARDIN

Administrator