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ACCOUNT OF ACCIDENT RESULTING IN DEATH OF ALLAN COUNCELL

Hickory Daily Record.

Allen B. Council, son of former Judge and Mrs. W. B. Council, was almost instantly killed and Prentice George, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. George of Cherryville, was seriously injured when the motorcycle on which they were riding collided head on with a DuPont touring car occupied by B. B. Osborne of Raleigh and Miss Inez Yoder of Newton on the Central Highway about two miles east of Hickory at 5:30 yesterday afternoon. The accident, which has caused deep distress was unavoidable.

Riding on another motorcycle some distance behind Messrs Council and George were Ralph Hutton and Miles Snerrill, and it was while his head was turned to look back towards his companion that Allan Council's machine plunged into the automobile. The place where the tragedy occurred was near the Standard Oil Company's new tank station at a curve in the highway. Young Council had just passed a car driven by Mrs. S. B. Goodwin, Mr. Osborne was going in the direction of Newton. Allan could not see the car in front because of the curve and could not see him.

When the motorcycle hit the automobile, the driver of the latter was thrown against the windshield and dropped to the side of the car. When Ralph Hutton reached him he tried to get over on his side and attempted to rise. He never spoke.

Prentice George sustained a fracture of the left leg at the knee and suffered bruises about the body. His parents were informed of the accident over the telephone last night, and Mr. George probably will arrive here today. At the hospital it was said that the young man, who is in for a long stay, was doing well.

Persons who investigated the tragedy said that Mr. Osborne was not to blame. He attempted to leave the highway in order to let the motorcycle pass, and it was said that Mr. Council sought to cut across and avoid the collision, but his machine skidded. Thus it hit the automobile in the center, breaking the motorcycle and wrecking the fore part of the automobile.

Miss Yoder was cut about the arm by glass from the windshield but Mr. Osborne escaped without injury. He suffered from nervous shock.

The two injured youths were brought to the Richard Baker Hospital, where Mr. Council died before his injuries could be treated, and where the injuries of George were dressed.

Only a few minutes before the accident, Judge Council, returning from Newton passed the young men on the side of the road and waved at them. All four were standing near the two machines and they had just started back to Hickory when the collision occurred.

Judge and Mrs. Council were almost prostrated over the tragedy. Scores upon scores of friends called during the night to extend sympathy and offer assistance. The blow was a serious one to the parents, but they had the consolation of knowing that the tragedy was not the result of any serious fault on the part of anybody. It was a tragedy that could not have been avoided under the circumstances.

Allan Council was preparing to return to Chapel Hill next week to resume his studies in the University of North Carolina, where he was taking a course preparatory to fitting himself for practice of law with his father. He did well at college, was a splendid young man, and his father looked forward to the time when the son would be associated with him.

William T. Council, cashier of the First National Bank of Scotland Neck, and Gordon Council who is in business there were notified and have arrived. A telegram was also sent to Lieutenant Howard Council, U. S. N. who is on the Pacific coast. Stedman and Miss Elizabeth Council were in Hickory with their parents.

J. D. Elliott came up shortly after the collision and carried the injured persons to the hospital.

The wrecked motorcycle and the damaged automobile were brought to Johnson's Garage later. The motorcycle had been crushed in as far as the handle bars, the front wheel being a twisted mass. The bumper on the automobile was torn loose and the radiator smashed in.

The windshield on the right hand

COVE CREEK NEWS ITEMS

Miss Ruth Rhoads of Lincolnton, who has been in Asheville for several weeks, arrived Saturday and began work on Monday. Miss Blanche Horton who has been supplying father in the music department will enter the Normal Class at the Appalachian Training School this week.

Mr. J. J. L. Glenn was a pleasant visitor at chapel last week.

Rev. F. M. Huggins of Boone visited the school on Monday and conducted chapel exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Horton with their two interesting children have returned to their home in Farsell, Pa. Mr. John Mast accompanied them as far as Maryland where they will spend a few days at the home of Mr. J. C. Mast.

Mr. R. Byron Wilson is spending several days at the home of his brother, Mr. A. D. Wilson. He will return to Wake Forest College the latter part of this week to resume his studies in medicine.

Messrs. A. G. Glenn, James and David Mast will leave for Chapel Hill early this week.

In a closely contested game the first nine of the Cove Creek High School won over the school team of Boone by the narrow margin of 9 to 7. The game was interesting throughout and a return game is scheduled for an early date.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Your committee appointed to draft resolutions on the life and death of our late brother L. S. Watson beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, our beloved brother L. S. Watson, died at his residence on Stony Fork, Watauga County on July 23, 1923. Brother Watson was born October 4, 1856. He joined Elk Lodge No. 374 in 1888, and when Ashler Lodge No. 451 was constituted in 1893 he was a charter member from which time he has lived a loyal member. He professed a faith in Christ in 1892, joined the church and remained a consistent member until his death.

He died in the triumph of faith. By his death, the family loses a kind husband and father, but the loss is not alone to relatives but to those of the country in which he lived, the church at which he worshipped and especially Ashler Lodge of which he was a worthy member.

And whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove our beloved brother to that Celestial Lodge above.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of Ashler Lodge, a copy sent to the family of the deceased and a copy to the Watauga Democrat for publication.

J. S. WELLBORN,
A. J. WELLBORN,
WILEY S. GREENE,
Committee.

"THE TREND OF THE RACES"

An address by Prof. I. G. Greer

The women of the Methodist church have been studying a book entitled "The Trend of the Races," by George Haynes. Haynes is one of the leading members of the negro race and educated Christian negro. The book presents the thoughtful attitude of the negro toward the race problem and the bearing of Christianity upon it.

The women have secured Professor Greer whose specialty is History and civics to close the course with them in an address. The address will be given in the Methodist Church at three o'clock Sunday September 23.

Both men and women of the entire town are invited to hear this discussion. No fees and no collection.

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side of the car was broken into bits, the headlight on this side of the car was thrown into the back part of the car and the radiator was dented thru out its entire surface.

It was apparent that the handlebar caused the death of the young man, through the impact of the automobile was severe enough to be fatal. His body was covered with cuts and bruises.

Funeral services for young Council will be held from the Church of the Ascension at 10 o'clock, Rev. S. B. Stroup will be in charge, and interment will follow in Oakwood cemetery. Mr. Council was 19 years of age on April 28, last.

KEEPING THE TAXES DOWN

SENATORS HAVE REPORTED a bill which at the end of the fiscal year a surplus existed in the treasury.

When it was suggested that a reduction of taxes might follow Senator Reed Smoot of Utah warned the public that taxes could not be reduced. The Utah Senator is more frank than some other senators and does not hesitate to speak very plainly.

Senator Curtis of Kansas says there must be found new sources of taxation.

He has found one, the billboards, the advertising signs along the highways, as legitimate subjects for federal taxation.

Instead of cutting down taxes, these senators and perhaps others, are planning to increase taxes.

They want more money to spend. That is what they consider to be their mission instead of to save it.

The man in Congress who advocates to save money is not considered to be a good politician.

But the people's attitude on this question is not the same as of those distinguished men.

Progress has been made in putting business into the government, eliminating the duplication of work, reducing the number of useless employees and practicing economy.

If the good work is continued as it has been commenced in a little time a reduction in taxes could take place.

The majority of people think they are paying high enough taxes now.

They think they are getting too much government and that it is costing them too much. They want to see some plan carried out which will consider their pocketbooks a little and enable them to enjoy just as good government as they have today and pay less for it.

Those are old fashioned notions out they exist and must be reckoned with.—Portland Me. Press-Herald

ROMINGER NEWS

Mr. L. D. Tester of Watauga Falls visited his daughter Mrs. D. A. Rominger last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Chas Gillam who has been away all summer is on his job at Piney Grove M. E. Church Sunday School as singing leader to the delight of his class.

Our school committee is talking of cementing the spring at the school, something needed very badly as the cattle dogs and a flock of sheep have free access to it.

Our teacher Mr. Henry Hagaman tells us that his brother E. B. Hagaman has gone to a hospital in Winston-Salem for treatment for a trouble in his back.

Mr. Nathan Presnell's colt got very badly hurt on the old bridge across Laurel Creek the other day. Also Mr. Bud Mast's horse fell on the same bridge throwing "Bud" some distance. Fortunately neither of them were badly hurt.

The merchants here are beginning to buy evergreens. Nearly every family in this community gathers 'em from early fall till late spring and makes good wages.

Mr. "Bud" Mast and his sister Adelle visited friends and relatives in the Neva section of Tennessee last week.

Mr. John Gillam and his sons Billy and Charlie are working the road for the lumber haulers leading from Piney Grove to Watauga River, the lumbermen to do the paying for the work.

There was some frost in this section the morning of Sept. 14th. No damage to crops was reported.

Some children are out of school this week picking beans and gathering evergreens.

We fear the evergreen trade is going to hurt our school some. We have had real good attendance so far.

Mr. Charlie Gillam is talking of having some recitation benches made for our school which are badly needed and we deem it wont be very long till they are ready as Charlie is no quitter. He is one of the committee and is interested in the success of the school in every particular.

We are sorry that we will lose two of our bright school boys. Their parents are moving from this district. Mr. Lee Ward going with his parents to Banner Elk and Forest Presnell going with his parents to Beech Creek.

See James is improving fast playing ball. He seems to learn to play ball faster than he learns to in his books. But Bee will come out all right as he says he is sure we live in the European nation.

A CHEESE MAKING STATE

North Carolina is rapidly developing factories. Now having thirty-two.

Fred A. Gills is Brothers Friend.

Cheese-making in North Carolina is developing with great rapidity and the number of factories in operation today is 22. These are located in the mountain counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Avery, Henderson, Haywood, Transylvania, Polk, Cherokee and Yancey. Work now begins on two more plants. The last factory put in operation is at a place in Transylvania county, west of Asheville, known as Horseshoe.

An interesting development is at the factory of Cove Creek, a few miles west of Boone in Watauga. This plant began business in June, 1922, and has been enlarged twice.

Now a new plant of concrete and brick is under construction, which will contain the latest machinery and will be by far the largest cheese-making establishment south of Pennsylvania.

It is to be on the fine highway known as the "Daniel Boone Trail," which has been completed from Salem to Zionsville and from there to the Tennessee line, at the west end of Zionsville, Tennessee is planned to build a section of the Road. Through a corner of that state, now roadless.

The first factories were started at a time when the splendid highways now being opened were undreamed of and the best track of them was to make a market for the former milk factory of the counties which the "Lost Provinces" of North Carolina have now to every inhabitant.

The building of the highways has given the farmers an opportunity to ship their raw milk to towns even many miles away. So good are they but at the same time they help the cheese factories because they enable the milk producers to rush the fluid to them. So there will be more and more and the seventeen high mountain counties of the state, already the cheese producers of the south, will continue to be the chief producers in the entire territory.

The cheese is sold in New York markets and most careful tests are made, while exhibits are held at various centers, where comparisons are made and where buyers gather. Such exhibits are held at Asheville, Boone, Winston-Salem and Charlotte. The industry is on its feet to stay, the number of milk cattle in the high counties is increasing and a large area is what is known as "grass country," with natural blue grass. It is a region of abundant moisture, in other words a model cattle country, with no stagnant water, the lowest summer temperature in the south, innumerable clear streams and ideal for both beef and milk cattle, as well as for sheep.

MT PLEASANT ITEMS

While threshing buckwheat Tuesday Mr. J. F. Moretz had the misfortune of getting his leg injured. The engine wagon ran over it.

Miss Cora Jefferson, Miss Winnie Moretz and Herbert Moretz went on a business trip to Blowing Rock Monday, all in the interest of the church.

Pastor Jefferson and family were guests at the home of Mr. P. P. Moretz on Monday.

Farm Agent J. E. Steele made a professional call in the community the first of the week. We are always glad to see him.

County Superintendent Mr. Hagaman visited Riverview School on last Friday. We are glad to see him come and hope he will come more often.

Last week Mr. Lawrence Norris and family moved to Boone. They are good citizens and we regret to see them leave the community.

Mr. Thomas Moretz of Boone was a visitor at the home of his father Uncle Jonathan Moretz on last Saturday night.

Mr. David Moretz and sister Grace were visitors at the home of Miss Winnie Moretz the first of the week.

Mr. Paul Winebarger of the Meat Camp settlement attended services at Mount Pleasant on Sunday, and was a guest at the home of Mr. J. F. Moretz.

Thoughts for the week:

"Thank God when you get up that you have something to do whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best will breed in you temperance, self control, diligence, strength of will, content and a hundred virtues which the idle will never know."

WHEN THE HUNDRED COUNTIES OF NORTH CAROLINA STARTED

The late J. B. Bly, a man who for many years was secretary of the State of North Carolina, was engaged a reputation in the capital city as being an industrious scholar and a man who contributed much to the historical records of the State of North Carolina. Among his historical contributions was an illustrated chart showing the dates of establishment and origin of the 100 counties of the state.

The chart traces the growth of the counties by periods, the first period being between the years of 1663 and 1722, during which time Albemarle, Bath and Clarendon counties were established.

During the second period, which covers the years of 1722 to 1729 nine counties were born, all of them in the eastern section of the state and most of them on the coast. These counties were Pasquotank, Currituck, Perquimans, Chowan, Bertie, Tyrrell, Beaufort, Hyde, Carteret, Craven and New Hanover. Through the course of years these counties were subdivided.

Only one—Currituck—remained intact as long as a century. In 1729 the county gave birth to twelve of present day counties, which also is one of the parts of Tyrrell and of Hyde counties.

Eight counties were formed between the years of 1729 and 1736, these being Edgecombe in 1735, Bladen 1734, Anson 1735, Orange 1735, Bertie 1735, Johnston 1735, Granville 1736, and Northampton 1741. Northampton was a subdivision of Bertie county.

Edgecombe and between counties were subdivisions of Craven county, while Granville was an early offshoot of Edgecombe. Duplin, Onslow, Bladen and Anson were subdivisions of New Hanover County, an offshoot of Clarendon, one of the three early counties.

New Hanover produced more counties through its subdivisions which themselves were subdivided, then any of the 10 counties in existence in 20. From Duplin, a subdivision of 1744, came Sampson county in 1784. Onslow has remained intact. Pender county was a direct offshoot of New Hanover county in 1875. A part of Bladen went to make Orange county in 1751. A single subdivision in 1789 was the birth of Robeson, Cumberland, another Bladen offshoot, was born in 1784, giving birth to Moore county in 1784, Harnett in 1855 and with Robeson broke in 1911. From Anson county and its subdivisions came Richmond in 1779; Stanley, 1841; Union in 1842; Cabarrus in 1792; York which was abolished in 1793, giving birth to Lincoln and Rutherford counties; Gaston, 1845; Catawba, 1842; Cleveland 1841; Polk, '55; Davidson, 1842; Davie 1836; Rowan, 1759; part of which went to make up Guilford in 1770; Burke 1777; Iredell, 1788; Blount 1791; Haywood, 1805; Macon 1828; Cherokee 1829; Clay, 1807; Graham, 1871; Swain 1871; Jackson, 1850; Henderson 188; Transylvania, 1861; Madison, 1869; McDowell 1842; Mitchell 1861; Yancey, 1833; Surry, 1770; Wilkes 1777; Ashe, 1787; Stokes, 1789; Alleghany 1859; Watauga, 1849; Alexander in 1846; Catawba, 1841; Avery, 1911; Yaukey, 1850; Forsyth 1848.

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CORRESPONDENT

Mr. Russell Trivett, the garage and jewelry man here is kept quite busy working at his trades.

Mr. Jason Moretz has recently purchased a Ford touring car and is enjoying some good spins over our fine roads.

The public school at Rocky Point has closed again as the diphtheria epidemic seems to break out in new cases.

Mr. A. G. Miller, our enterprising merchant has been on the road looking after business. Mr. Miller is a getter, and enjoys the rich trade he deserves.