

LENOIR IS TO HAVE NEW CHAIN STORE

Carolina Wholesale Corporation Will Open Branch There. Many Carolina Towns to Get Stores

Lenoir, June 30th.—The Carolina Wholesale Corporation, with an authorized capital stock of \$250,000, has just been organized here and has purchased the business of the Turner-Rabb company, wholesale grocers, effective July 1st. With the organization of this new concern, plans have also been made for establishing a chain of retail grocery stores throughout this section of the state. The chain of stores will be known as the Carolina Stores, and will be supplied by Carolina Wholesale Corporation. D. W. Turner is the moving spirit in this new corporation.

The new wholesale house is to begin business with \$60,000 capital stock paid in. Immediately upon taking over this wholesale business of the Turner-Rabb company it will be changed to a cash and carry basis, giving the customers a price advantage for his part in the service. There will be no deliveries, and no salesmen, curtailing this expense. J. F. Cooke, for a number of years with the Turner-Rabb company, will be in charge of the new wholesale warehouse.

In establishing the chain of cash grocery stores, Mr. Turner says that stores will be opened in from ten to twelve towns in this section within a few weeks, or as soon as possible. Buildings have been leased, or property has been bought and buildings are under construction at the present time in the following places: Lenoir, Morganton, Granite Falls, Boone and Blowing Rock, Taylorsville and Storey Point. Other towns will be added just as soon as plans can be worked out.

Mr. Turner plans to make this chain of grocery stores a real North Carolina enterprise, a credit not only to Lenoir and this section, but to the Old North State. He says that he will be able to compete in prices and service with all similar chain stores now in operation.

The incorporators are D. W. Turner, Lenoir; C. A. Spencer, Morganton; and J. F. Cook, J. R. Tolbert and Dorothy A. Hall, of Lenoir.

Mr. Turner, who is actively making the arrangements for the transfer of the Turner-Rabb company, and for the opening of the new chain of stores, left Monday for eastern cities to purchase equipment.

WEBSTER DAVIS UNIMPROVED

Mr. Webster Davis, who was run down by an aut nearly two weeks ago, was taken home from the hospital Monday, and seemed to be getting on well until Wednesday morning when he suffered a relapse. Today as we close our forms, he lies in a state of coma and death is expected hourly.

Mr. Davis is well along in years and it seems that his frail body is unable to withstand the injuries.

SOUTHEASTERN LAND AUCTION COMPANY TO SELL TOWN LOTS

The Southeastern Land Auction Company, of Asheville has secured a lease on the J. S. Stanbury property and now engineers are busily engaged in cutting this valuable land into city lots, laying off streets, etc., preparatory to the big sale which is scheduled for the 11th of July.

This addition means another step in the development of East Boone, and if the Suddreth Twin Auctioneers fail to get the price, something has gone wrong with real estate in this section. Let everyone remember the date and the fact that this property lies just opposite the Appalachian State Normal School—an ideal location for a home.

OUR MISSING-WORD CONTEST

No winners of the weekly Missing-Word Contest can be named this week due to the fact that practically every one of the answers came in right at closing time. Even more interest than the management contemplated, has been shown in this unique advertising campaign. But friends, try to get your answers in just as early as possible next week.

Man Finds Dead Infant Near Blowing Rock

Yesterday (Wednesday) morning, near Skyland hotel at Blowing Rock, the nude body of an infant boy was found in a pile of rubbish by a Mr. Stewart, indications being that the gruesome find had lain unaccounted for many hours. Coroner Moretz and Sheriff Farthing were called in, and Dr. J. C. Testerman, a local physician, after being duly sworn, deposed and said:

"Upon examination of the body of a dead baby found in Blowing Rock, I find that its head was crushed and that its death was caused by party or parties unknown. I further find that it was a live born baby and fully developed."

The coroner's jury composed of the following gentlemen, E. G. Pettis, J. F. Stewart, A. L. Gross, J. V. Bauguess and L. M. Farthing, was sworn in, and after full examination of the little body, submitted the following report:

"We, the coroner, and coroner's jury upon investigation of the death of a baby found in Blowing Rock, N. C., on July 1, 1925, it being a white baby, find that it came to its death by party or parties unknown."

Following the inquest, the body of the unknown child was turned over to Mr. Van Billings, who gave it burial in a local cemetery.

There is no clue whatever as to who the heartless mother is. However, all legitimate efforts will be put forth to find and bring her to justice.

PROGRAM AT STATE NORMAL

In the auditorium of the Appalachian State Normal School, a real entertainment is given each Saturday night. Last Saturday night Miss Ruth Rankin gave a number of piano selections, while Miss Edith Hudson gave several vocal selections. Both these young ladies delighted the large number of people who were out to hear them.

Next Saturday night the students are planning to give a musical programme. The people of the community are invited to these fine entertainments and no admission fees are charged.

S. C. EGGERS & CO. IMPROVING A LARGE SECTION OF LAND

Some real developments in the way of grading drives, etc., are being made on the A. E. South property, looking to a big auction sale in one of the many choice sections of the town. It is whispered that the big sale will be pulled off some time this month, but we are not speaking definitely as to that. We know it is coming sometime, and when it does, it will behoove those who want Boone Property in an exclusive section, at their own price, to be present. Something more definite next week.

CHAIN STORE CONTRACTS FOR BUILDING IN BOONE

The stone fore the new Adventist church is being moved from the lot near the Democrat office, on which they originally intended to build, and work on the erection of a building for a "cash and carry" grocery store will begin as soon as the plans are completed by Architect E. A. Poe. The corporation bought the lot since it was decided not to build a church thereon. The structure will be of brick and will be let to contract in the very near future.

BAMBOO BRIEFS

It has been so dry for some time but it has rained at last and the crops are greatly revived.

Mrs. Harret Greene has been visiting her sons Mr. Joe and Square Greene at Aho during the past week.

Mrs. John Lay has gone to visit her sister Mrs. Jennie Greene of Rutherford.

Misses Ruby Randall and Blanche Rogers visited Miss Wilma Hampton Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Hampton visited their daughter Mrs. Joe Wheeler on Elk Sunday.

Mrs. Jeff Hampton and daughter were pleasant visitors at Mrs. Arkie Hampton's Sunday evening.

The people of the settlement were sorry to hear of the death of Leonard Triplett, as he was a good boy and loved by most all that knew him.

Tennessee Comes to The Front In Highway Work

OUR BIRTHDAY

To the management of the Democrat, Saturday provides a two-fold cause for celebration. It was on the glorious fourth some thirty-six years ago that we made our debut in journalistic circles. It had previously been our intention to observe our anniversary by issuing a 24 page edition, but finding this next to impossible at this time, we hope our good patrons and friends will be satisfied with knowing that on that day we will lay aside our pencils, wash off some of the freshest ink, and enjoy a little period of inactivity.

From "a wide place in the road" where rabbit hunting was good among the blackberry briars, we have watched Boone grow into the hustling little city of today, and we like to think perhaps we have contributed something to her progress. Our efforts have been appreciated to the extent that we have been able to keep step with the march of progress, and with each year enjoy a greater degree of prosperity. On this occasion we thank those who have contributed so liberally during the past year to our material welfare.

CHAPLIN, OF MOVIE FAME, IS PROUD FATHER

Los Angeles, June 28.—(A. P.)—Birth of a 6 1/4 pounds son to Mrs. Lita Gray Chaplin, wife of the film comedian, Charles Spencer Chaplin, was announced by spokesmen for the actor here today.

They said the baby, which arrived at the Chaplin mansion in Beverly Hills at 6:10 o'clock this morning, would be named Charles Spencer Chaplin.

Chaplin married Lita Gray, then his leading woman, in the little Mexican town of Empalme last November 25th. Secrecy surrounded the comedian's wedding plans and excited unusual public interest in the nuptials.

Besides Chaplin, Mrs. Lillian Spicer mother of Mrs. Chaplin, and Mr. and Mrs. William Curry, her grandparents, kept vigil at the Chaplin home last night. Mr. Curry said the

SHEPHERD IS FREED OF MURDER CHARGE BY CHICAGO, ILLINOIS JURY—NOW FREE

Chicago, June 27.—William Darling Shepherd was found not guilty last night of using typhoid germs to kill William Nelson McClintock, his millionaire foster son after the jury had deliberated five hours and 40 minutes.

Within a half hour he was freed from jail, where he has been since March 13 on his personal bond of \$5,000. A charge of slaying Mrs. Emma Nelson McClintock, Williams' mother, will be made against him.

Although members of the jury would not divulge how they reached final agreement when they reported at 10:15 o'clock it was said six ballots had been taken the vote from the first standing at 11 to 1 for acquittal. The jurors said they had a collective oath not to reveal what went on in the room even to their own families.

The verdict was regarded by Shepherd's attorneys as ending all possibility of further criminal proceedings against him. It gave him the presumptive ownership of the McClintock estate, left him in McClintock's will, pending final action in a suit to break the will started by nine cousins of the dead youth.

Despite the jury finding Judge Harry Olson, Municipal court chief justice and instigator of the investigation of McClintock's death, will continue to probe and prosecute, if that is possible he said. During the trial Judge Olson expressed keen disapproval of the efforts of the state's attorney and reiterated his criticism when informed of the acquittal.

A burst of cheers came from the crowded court room when the verdict was announced and a broad smile was on the face of the accused. Shepherd and his attorneys, William Scott Steward and W. W. O'Brien, shook hands and thanked each jury-

MILLER BOY DIES FOLLOWING A VERY SERIOUS OPERATION

The Miller boy, son of Mr. Jont Miller, of Howard's Creek, who underwent an operation at Watauga Hospital early in the week, died in that institution yesterday afternoon.

The operation was for locked bowels and was made as a last result, the surgeons having but little hope of his recovery. The body was taken to his home for burial.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Ex-Sheriff C. M. Critcher will be at the Court House in Boone on next Monday for the purpose of collecting taxes for the year of 1924. He urges those who have failed to make payment to see him on this date.

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Students From Normal Visit In Johnson City

Between three and four hundred students and members of the faculty of the Appalachian State Normal School, from Boone, N. C., reached Johnson City about noon Monday, on their annual excursion from Boone. The party arrived on a special train over the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina railroad, arranging to spend the day in and around Johnson City.

Through advance arrangements, the hundreds of students were furnished dinner at the various restaurants and hotel dining rooms in the city, the afternoon program included visits to the Tenn. State Normal school grounds, the national sanatorium, and shopping tours in the business districts. The trip to the Sanatorium was taken in special street cars.

The party is headed by Prof. Chapel Wilson, dean of the institution, and is accompanied by members of the school from North Carolina and adjoining states. This is another of the excursion parties to Johnson City, which has become an annual event for the school, another being planned for later in the summer term. The six weeks term is about to close, and the other excursion is planned for about the middle of August, at the close of the twelve weeks' term. —Johnson City Chronicle.

THREE NEGROES SENTENCED TO DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

Winston-Salem, June 28.—As far as the present term of Superior court is concerned, the fate of three negroes was sealed Saturday morning when they were sentenced by Judge Thomas J. Shaw to be electrocuted, this brings to a conclusion a week given over almost entirely to the trials of these three murderers.

Ernest Key and John Wesley Dawson, South Carolina negroes who murdered J. H. Vaughn, a grocer of the eastern section of the city and who were found guilty of murder in the first degree Thursday, were first sentenced, the date for their electrocution being set for August 29. Fred Jones was next ordered to stand up and the words were pronounced that fixed his doom for the murder of James Monroe King on the 13th of this month, the date named being September 4th.

The two first negroes received the verdict calmly without any show whatever of emotion and had the fatal words of the court had to deal with persons with whom the defendants were not even acquainted they could not have made less impression.

Jones, however, was extremely nervous and his hands and face continually twitched as the judge addressed him. This has been his demeanor during the entire trial and officers surrounding him at no time would have been surprised for him to have made a break for the door.

MR. FRANK SOUTH DIES AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS

Mr. Frank South, a prominent citizen of Trade, Tenn., Route 1, died at his home last Saturday, and interment was made in the Thomas grave yard Sunday in the presence of a large concourse of people, his relatives here, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Eggers, Mr. A. E. South and others attending the funeral.

Mr. South was a real citizen, and beloved and honored by those who knew him best. He made a success, financially, having accumulated considerable property, and died at peace with all mankind.

TRIPLET NEWS ITEMS

Mr. Midas Wheeler was a pleasant visitor at Mr. C. T. Simmons' Sunday.

Several people of this community attended preaching at Rock View Church Sunday.

Messrs Theodore and Walter Watson were visiting in this community Saturday and Sunday.

There was a birthday dinner at Rev. M. D. Miller's Wednesday. Some of his children and grandchildren were present. The dinner was fine and all the guests enjoyed it.

There was a box supper at Mount Ephraim school house Saturday night. There being only eight boxes the amount raised was \$13.40. It would appear that the people were not much interested.

SANTA BARBARA IS SHAKEN BY QUAKE

Citizens of City by the Sea Start at Once to Rebuild. Second Time City is Shaken

Santa Barbara, Calif., June 29.—This city by the sea, which early this morning staggered under the blows of a rending earthquake, tonight surveyed its great losses and began fighting back.

No community ever took and absorbed punishment with more stoicism and calm.

Blue jackets of the naval military and national guardsmen paraded the heart of the business district, but never at any time had there been the least sign of disorder. No frenzy, no rushing about marked this disaster.

The dead were collected as quickly as possible, numbering upwards of a dozen bodies. Close to a score of injured were cared for, and even as the ambulances moved off to the hospital, there followed in their wake trucks loaded with battered bricks and twisted steel. The work of cleaning up had begun.

The handling of the sudden emergency should not have been more efficient if it had been a motion picture scene planned weeks in advance.

The main street of the city, State Street, was a picture of calm ruin almost from end to end. Not all of its business buildings were demolished but what had suffered damage and many were twisted and smashed beyond repair. The imposing facade of the county bank appeared from the front as beautiful in its simplicity as ever, but down one side ran a jagged crack, like a lightning-streak, through the concrete. The San Marcos, a stately four story, class A structure of the newest type just completed, occupied principally by business men, seemed from the southern and eastern ends of its "L" to be untouched. But its other elevations lay flat. The Santa Barbara mission, which fell in an earthquake during the early eighties, again was partly wrecked today. Its pair of massive towers were piles of crumbled debris.

The telephone company's building has four walls still standing by virtue of half a score of props made from telephone poles.

Inside the Arlington, a hostelry known to the travelers of two hemispheres, a picture of absolute destruction presents itself. The center dome crashed with the first tremor, carrying with it rooms in both diverging wings. The remainder of the building is ripped and torn in a number of places. Manager Richmond says it is a complete loss.

One newspaper, The News, is homeless, its city desk and editorial staff functioning from the civic square and its issues coming from the press of a sister publication at Ventura, 28 miles distant. The morning paper, the Press, has its plant intact, but lacks the power to turn its cog wheels.

Two distinct sounds, not loud, but persistent, stand out wherever one walks in the stricken area; the tumbling of bricks and mortar and wreckers removing dangerous walls, and the hammers of builders rushing up temporary structures.

Throughout the residential section, particularly in the east side, the smaller frame houses in many cases were knocked askew by the trembler, some with fronts fallen out, chimneys and gables gone and yards flooded by the broken water mains.

Lawn room is almost at premium from Santa Barbara residents tonight who are shunning the confinement of their walls. The shock was too recent and fresh in their minds.

From fashionable hotels and apartments guests fled in the early morning, clad as they had jumped or had been thrown from their beds. Many never went back for their belongings.

For 40 miles both ways up and down the coast its telephone and telegraph wires were whipped back and forth on the poles by the shocks, and became so badly tangled that it will take many hours work to put them into commission again.

Two Brooklyn policemen find a man's clothing and shoes in an aid wagon. Sniffing a suicide they get two bloodhounds to lead them to the mystery. The bloodhounds take the cops to a swamp in which they sink to their necks, and that was that. Every dog has his day.