

DR. M. L. KESSLER KILLED IN CRASH

Manager of Baptist Home Dies Instantaneously When Train Strikes Automobile. Well Known in All Sections of State.

Thomasville.—Within sight of the Mills Home, Baptist orphanage of which he had been general manager for 27 years, a Southern Railway train at 12:30 Saturday morning struck the automobile of Dr. Martin Luther Kessler and killed him instantly.

Dr. Kessler was known in thousands of Baptist homes through North Carolina. He was 74 years old.

The automobile was driving across the Reids Street crossing, near the home. A southbound train had just passed, and apparently this confused him. He drove on the tracks to be struck by a north-bound train.

The train crew was not aware of the accident until it was reported at the next stop. S. H. Gardner said he heard the crash, and that it occurred after the engine and several cars had passed the crossing. Funeral services were held at the Mills Home Baptist Church at 3 p. m. Sunday, with burial there.

The minister's widow and three sons survive. Dr. Kessler was a member of the board of trustees of Wake Forest College, a member of the board of directors of the state school for the blind and of the state board of public welfare.

He also was a member of the national association of Audubon societies and a director of the child welfare league of America. He took an active part in affairs of Thomasville and Davidson county.

Dr. Kessler was regarded as "father" of the mechanic and system adopted by the state in 1921. He was a native of Fredrick County and was graduated from Wake Forest College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served pastorates at Laurinburg, Key Springs, Rocky Mount, Scotland Neck and Monticello before being elected superintendent of the Mills Home.

USES LESS FERTILIZER AND GETS BETTER CROPS

Because he adopted a rotation in which the use of legumes was given a prominent place and reduced his cotton acreage to give place for stock and feed crops, C. L. Braddy, a farmer in Hudson County reports better crops from his 150-acre farm even though he had reduced his costs for fertilizer by a sizable figure.

The Braddy farm had been cultivated strictly as a cotton and tobacco place until five years ago when he worked out a definite crop rotation system with the aid of F. C. Blair, extension agronomist at State College. Little attention had been paid to soil improvement. In 1927, however, Mr. Braddy began his rotation system and added soybeans in his corn for turning under. The beans were planted between the rows of corn and also in the row with the corn. He arranged his plantings so that this happened to each field each two years. In the meantime, he discontinued the growing of cotton and used the released land for peanuts, cowpeas and soybeans.

Mr. Blair says these crops made it feasible for Mr. Braddy to increase his cattle and hogs and to grow the same acreage of tobacco as theretofore. Recently, he told Mr. Blair that his fertilizer bill in 1927 amounted to \$1,000 but in 1932 it was only \$200. Yet he has better crops this year than in 1927. He also reported that his checks for hogs last year enabled him to stick out the long session of the General assembly of which he is a prominent member.

He found further that by building up his land with legumes, the fertilizer used was more effective nor did he actually need so much as formerly.

Taking Off Into The Unknown



When slim little Professor Auguste Piccard, Belgian scientist, climbed into the air-tight ballbasket attached to his balloon and set off for stratosphere heights—he smiled into space never before explored by man. The altitude he attained was more than ten miles. Photo shows Professor Piccard entering the gondola, and his assistant, Max Cosyn, before the start of their trip.

PROFESSOR AUGUSTE PICCARD SOARS TEN MILES INTO THE STRATOSPHERE

Slender Swiss Scientist Makes Second Trip Into the Upper Atmosphere. Found Temperatures 65 Degrees Below Zero at Heights of 55,000 Feet. Plans to Make a Third Flight from Hudson Bay County Next Summer. Finds Much Valuable Data.

Brno, Italy.—Professor Auguste Piccard's second balloon excursion into the stratosphere ended Thursday evening at a 6 o'clock when he brought his balloon down here after almost 12 hours in the upper atmosphere.

Edelo lies in the Camonica Valley, sixty miles north of Brescia, about half-way between Milan and Verona. The gondola bumped to a landing in a field on the outskirts of this little town, whose population of 2,500 turned out to welcome the adventures.

The bushy-haired little scientist and his young assistant, Max Cosyn, stepped out of the aluminum sphere smiling broadly. "Well," said Prof. Piccard, "that was a profitable trip."

PLANS CANADIAN FLIGHT

BREMEN, Italy.—Prof. Auguste Piccard's second balloon excursion into the stratosphere Thursday, announced he would begin immediately to prepare for a third ascent from the northwest shore of Hudson Bay in Canada.

"The moment we finish the work of calculating the results recorded by our instruments on yesterday's flight," he said, "we will begin preparations for the third experiment."

"We plan to take off from the northwest shore of Hudson Bay, as close as we can get to the north pole. Our purpose will be to complete the study of cosmic rays at a point where the lines of magnetic force penetrate the stratosphere."

A solution for many scientific problems will be provided when we know how the rays act under these conditions.

The third expedition, he said, would not begin until the middle of next summer.

Asked what he was going to do now, the bushy-haired little scientist said with a smile: "I'm going to take a swim in Lake Garda." Lake Garda, near here, was spotted by him yesterday from the skies as a guide to a landing and he came down near its shore.

His next scientific move, he said, would be to take to Zurich, Switzerland, the instruments he carried with him to a height of more than ten miles above the earth. Zurich was the

starting point of his flight and there he will have the seals removed and the results verified.

"Then," he said, "will begin several months of figuring out our experiments. After that we will be free to start planning the third flight from Hudson Bay."

Pending the examination of the instruments, he refused to say more than that he had reached a height of nearly 55,000 feet and encountered temperatures which were five degrees below zero fahrenheit inside the spherical aluminum gondola and 57 degrees below on the outside.

His instruments, as well as the gondola itself, were taken from Cavallaro di Monzambano, where he landed in the Italian aviation school here. Professor Piccard said they had not been harmed by the jar when the gondola hit the ground, although the gondola itself was dented a little by the impact.

Undoubtedly, he said, they would reveal very interesting information, especially in the effect of cosmic rays that far above the earth's surface, the study of which was the principal reason he braved the stratosphere a second time.

From the minute he crawled out of the gondola, shaky after the sudden drop from below zero temperatures to sizzling heat, the professor was all the calm scientist. All his movements have been cool and methodical.

Even as, with his companion, Max Cosyn, he calmly sat on the ground and ate a can of peaches after his landing while excitement buzzed in the crowds that gathered around him, so he calmly superintended the hauling in of the balloon and instruments.

They reached their greatest height, Professor Piccard said, three hours after they took off from Dubendorf, Switzerland. From that vantage point of ten miles, the world was a strange looking place. Landmarks were indistinct and maps were of little value.

DOWN ON REDDIES RIVER THEY KNOW THEIR SNAKES

(Wilkes Patriot)

Read these snake stories from Reddies River and shudder. The reptiles are getting ferocious in this section. Smith Whittington killed a couple of pilot snakes in his barn located near his home. Carl Staley interrupted his trip to the mill long enough to kill a rattler. Laborers at the Dock Vannoy place have killed three rattlers, two pilot snakes and one black snake while mowing his pasture.

Ralph Whittington came near picking up a rattler while engaged in a ball game at Whittington School on Monday. The youth reached his hand into the grass to pick up the ball which was in play and just missed the snake, which he killed.

A black snake climbed a fence post, coiled his tail around same and put up a stiff fight when Bryant Faw attempted to kill it. Faw said the snake struck at him repeatedly with his head.

John Holloway killed a large rattler last Saturday. J. V. Whittington's employees killed a rattler, two pilots and six black snakes while at work in a new ground.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of expressing to friends and relatives our gratitude for their kindness and sympathy during the sickness and death of our dear wife and mother, May God's richest blessings rest on each and every one of them.

P. H. HODGES,
BERTHA HODGES.

DEMOCRATS PLAN VIGOROUS FIGHT

Will Open Headquarters in Raleigh Early in September. To "Shell the Woods." All Former Factions Are Said to Be United.

Raleigh.—Democratic headquarters will be opened for one of the most vigorous campaigns in years during the first half of September. J. Wallace Winborne, new State chairman, announced, saying he expected to "shell the woods" with the excellent forensic material to be found in the former factions, now the united and militant ranks of the party.

Efforts of a few of minor factions to stir up a controversy over the chairman, both before and after the meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee here last week, were fruitless. Mr. Winborne was elected unanimously as was Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, Goldsboro, while John Bright Hill, Wilmington, manager for Robert R. Reynolds in his second primary for the Senate nomination, was named by Mr. Winborne as secretary of the committee. The Reynolds forces and the John C. B. Ehringhaus followers co-operated nicely, although there were efforts of other disgruntled factions to throw the apple of discord into the forefront. It failed to land.

"With a battery of orators such as Mr. Ehringhaus, Mr. Reynolds and Senator J. W. Bailey, we expect to present our cause all over the State," said Mr. Winborne. He said he would ask Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell and Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain, defeated gubernatorial candidates; as well as Senator Cameron Morrison, Judge Thomas Coitce Cowie, Frank D. Grist, defeated for the Senatorial nomination, and other political speakers to take the stump in the intensive speaking campaign. Most of them have already volunteered their services.

Chairman Winborne expects to visit National Chairman Farley soon to confer with him, and will again confer with State leaders this week in Raleigh on plans for the campaign. All candidates for State offices available met him in Raleigh last week after the committee meeting and went over strategy for the offensive effort to be made in the fall.

Headquarters will be in Raleigh, properly in the Sir Walter Hotel.

McCormick Mansion Closed



The windows of the old McCormick home, 1000 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, are closed and dark, its mistress, Edith Rockefeller McCormick having closed it to take up her abode at the hotel. Financial reverses; unsatisfactory health and her family widely scattered are the reported causes. Mrs. McCormick is the daughter of John D. Rockefeller Sr.

BRAVE DEATH FOR FORTUNE IN ICY ALASKAN WATERS

Dutch Harbor, Alaska.—Braving the hazards of mountainous ice peaks, grinding ice floes and stretches of open water, nineteen men were pressing north from Point Barrow Monday in quest of a fortune in furs aboard the abandoned steamer Baychimo.

The Baychimo—the flying Dutchman of the Arctic Sea—has been sighted seven miles from Point Barrow, solidly lodged in ice, according to word received here. She was abandoned more than a year ago with her cargo of furs, estimated to be worth \$1,000,000.

Shortly after news of the derelict's location reached Point Barrow, a party of nineteen men departed with sleds and canoes, made of skins, hoping to retrieve part of the valuable cargo. They faced a dangerous journey.

The Baychimo was sighted last January. A party of adventurers succeeded in removing fourteen boxes of furs at the time, but in the return trip lost all but one bale.

STATE FARM CONVENTION WILL OPEN ON AUGUST 29

With an advanced registration of some 2,000 persons indicated, the annual State Farmers Convention which opens at State College Monday, August 29, bids fair to be one of the most interesting of recent years, announces Charles A. Sheffield, secretary.

An interesting group of speakers has been secured among whom are Dr. R. B. House of Chapel Hill, United States Senator J. W. Bailey, Representative Lindsey Warren, Hon. David R. Coker of South Carolina, Mrs. Ethel J. Hammond of Massachusetts, Mrs. E. L. McKee of Sylva, Dr. E. C. Brooks of State College, and a number of expert specialists for the sectional programs. A larger number of North Carolina farmers and farm women have been selected for places on the program to give practical suggestions about improved farm and home methods.

Mr. Sheffield says there will be a general meeting for men early each morning, followed by a general meeting for women. The joint meetings will be held each evening on the campus after supper. At these joint meetings no dry technical subjects will be discussed, but the delegates will enjoy a period of recreation and community singing, followed by inspirational addresses from the invited speakers.

The convention opens formally on Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock with the presidential address by W. Warren Watson of Hyde County, president of the convention, and by Mrs. D. A. McCormick of Robeson County, president of the State Federation of Home Economics Clubs. The annual short course for farm women will be held as usual with presentation of certificates on Friday morning. A number of interesting contests, demonstrations and trips have been arranged for the visitors.

A special feature this year will be the study of small farm organizations especially mutual exchanges.

STRANGE BEAST MAY BE HYENA

Marion, N. C.—The mysterious animal which has attacked people, dogs and other animals in this section for weeks, has been classified by two persons who saw it as a laughing hyena.

The men saw the animal recreate a bull dog, they said. It was reported here that a hyena escaped from a Winston saw some weeks ago and some persons subscribed to the theory it was this section's murderer.

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